Silver Spur
1977

Butch Mulhearn 343-4486

Hi
& Jeff

Holly Bunch

Best Wishes
No Hammond

Shannon ☺
Kelly

Richard Ethridge 387-4178

It's my friend
Jeff M.
thats me

Coby Morgan
Jeff Davis 387-6978

387-2916

Carol L., L.,
Good Luck
this year

Beth

Jaime
387-3728
bad
luck

Jaime
Cook

Michael G. 323-5964

Irene H. McKethan

Bret Lannehill

Bonne chance!
Marie Vines

Best Wishes
to a cute kid!
Mrs. Hurley

Best Luck
Mrs. Piper

Jeffrey Brian
McKethan

Jeff M.
Joby Ledoux

Mrs. Gunlin

Mrs. Stewart

Best wishes
Mrs. Davis

To a very handsome young man.
Mr. Jones

Jack
McCants

Jay says Jackye

To a very nice boy.
Jessica

Jay
Davis

To Jeff
fairly nice Boy
from: Jay

To a very nice young man, I hope you have a good year.
Mrs. Williamson

Best wishes for a happy Future
Mrs. Carter

Good luck always!
Donna Nelson

Best Wishes
Mrs. Brantley

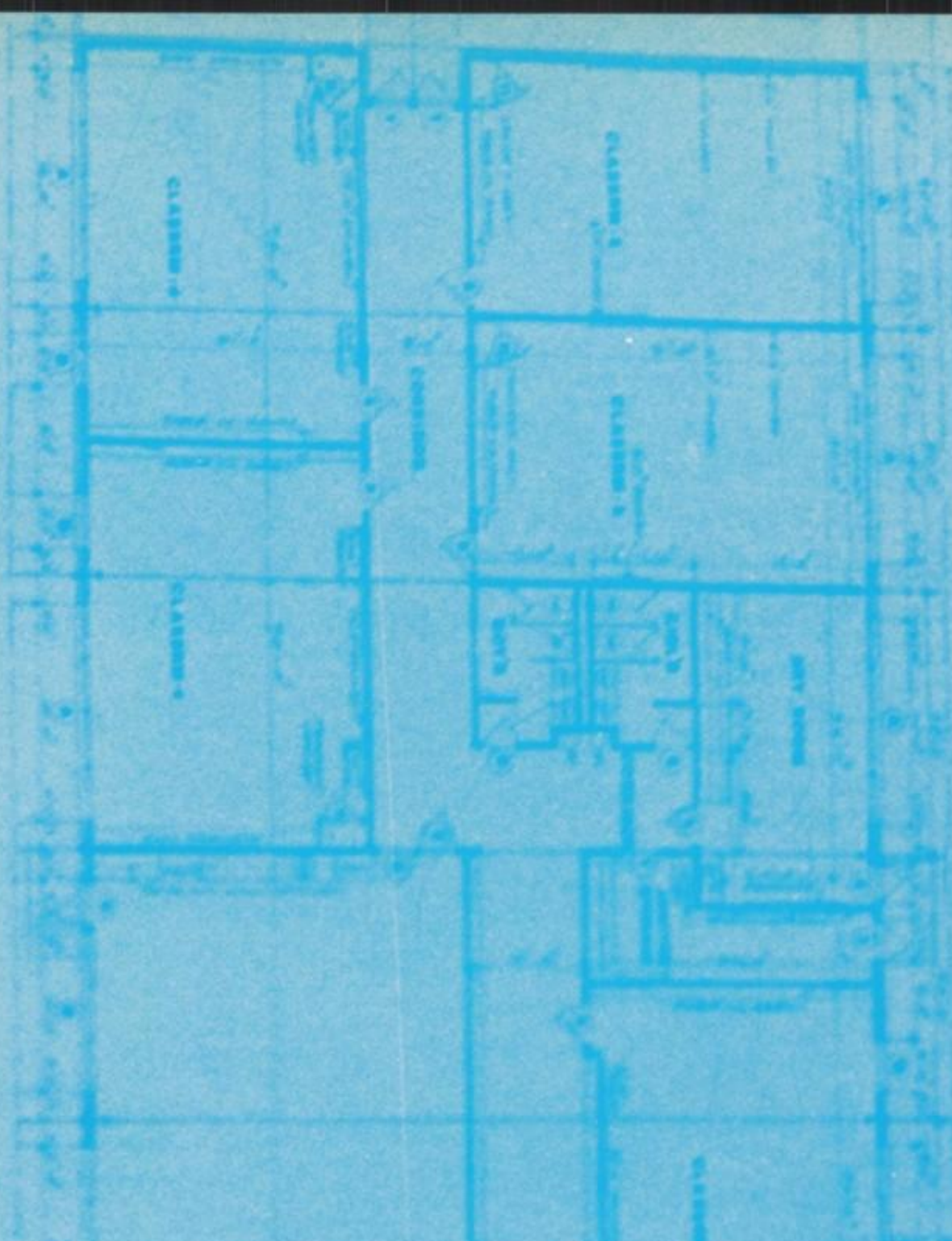
To a darling student. Hope to have you in my class.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Miners

To my cousin who will very soon have a cute little sister -
Chuck
(Charlie)

Best wishes

Jeff,
is a sweet
cute guy who I
just met
Your
friend
Jenn
Boy @ hers

To Jeff
a very nice boy,
and cute too!
Your pal,
Dana
Brockman



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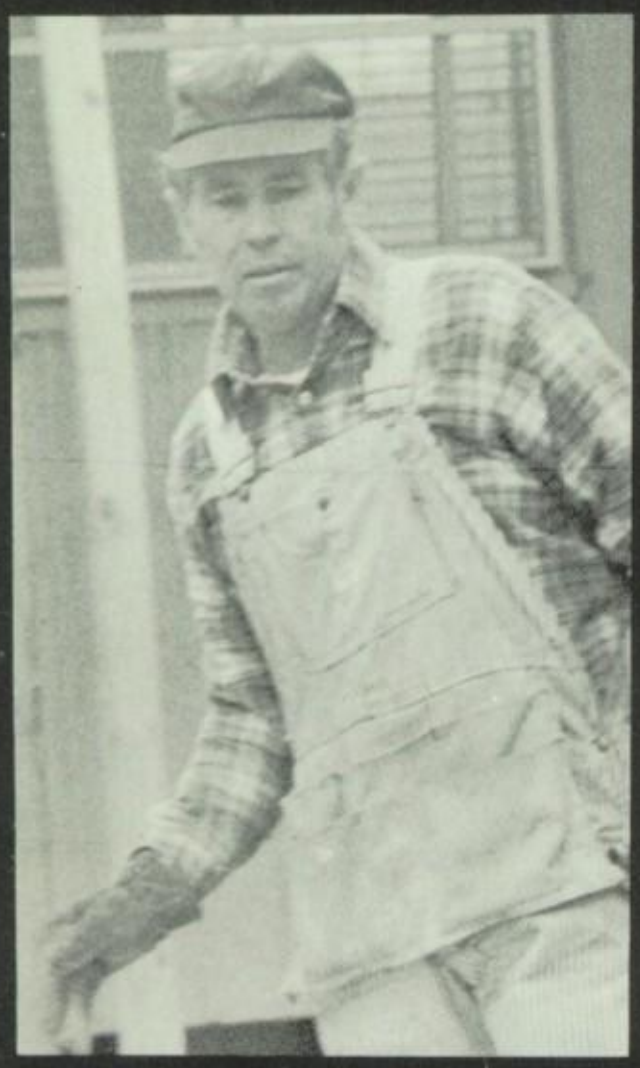
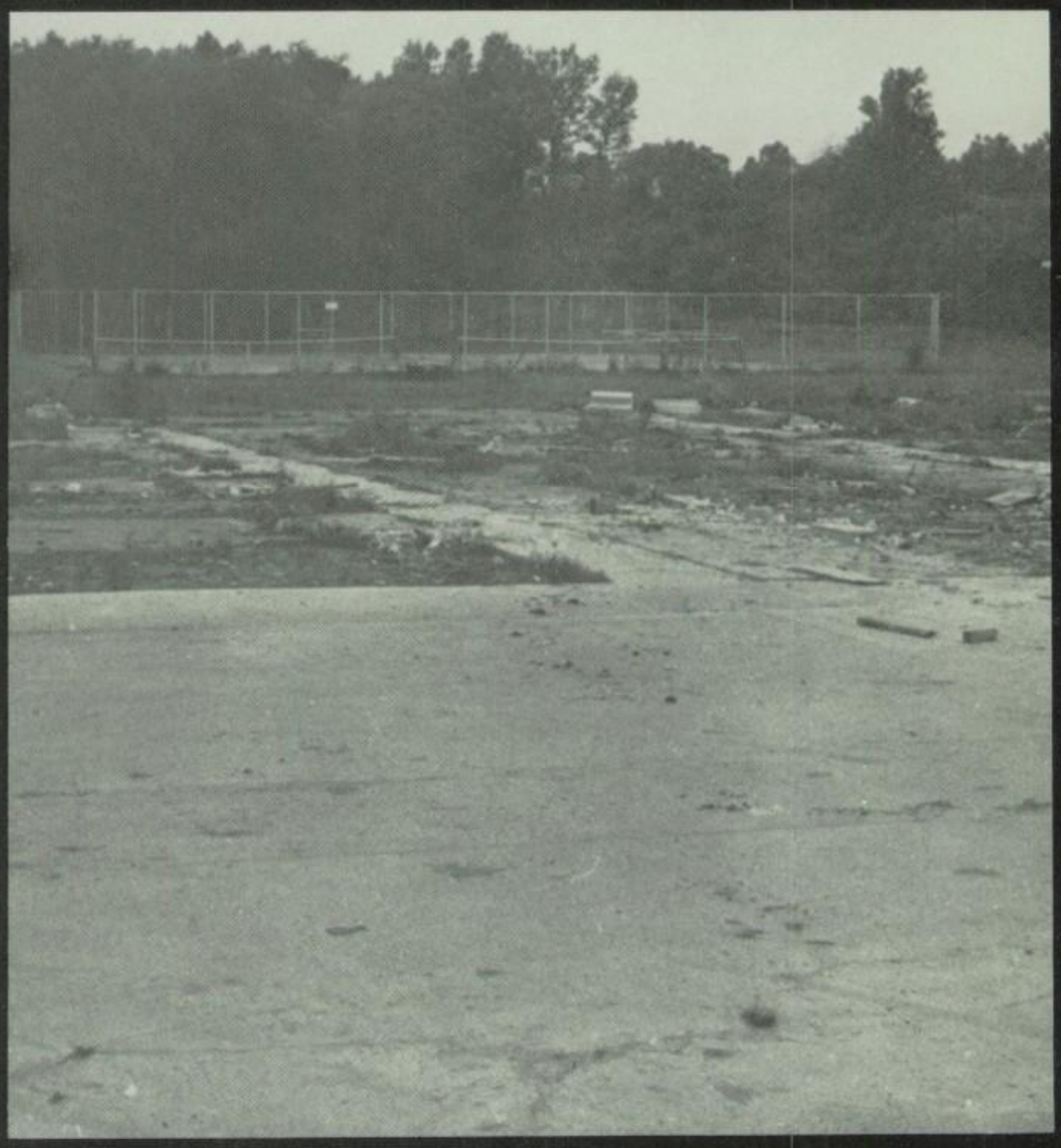




Nails scattered on the ground.

Bricks stacked in semi-neat piles.

Bulldozers parked on the parking lot.

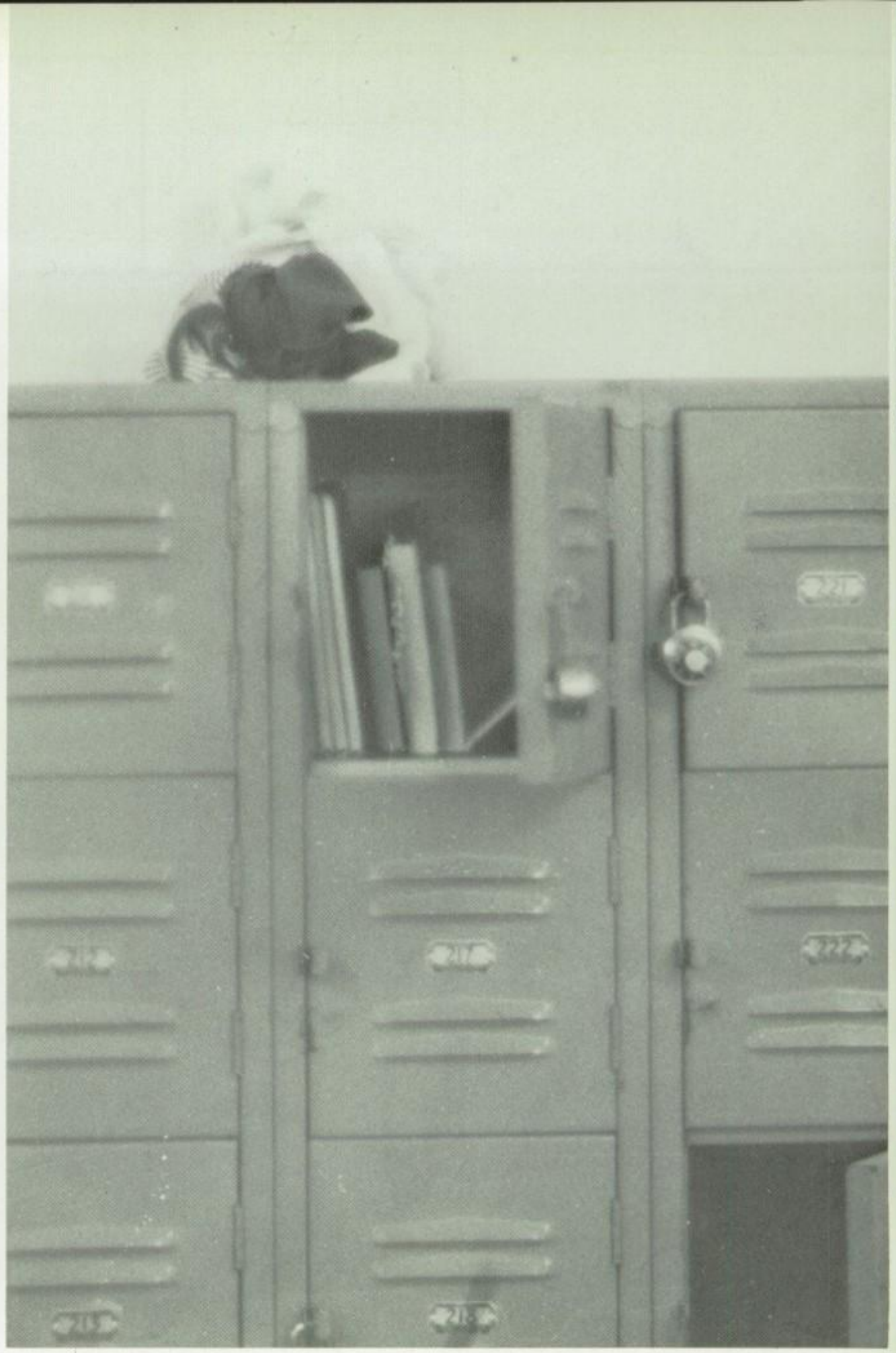
Construction is increasing a school's dimensions.

Lockers lining the hall.

Books piled on tables

Students striving
to understand.

Education is increasing
a mind's dimensions.



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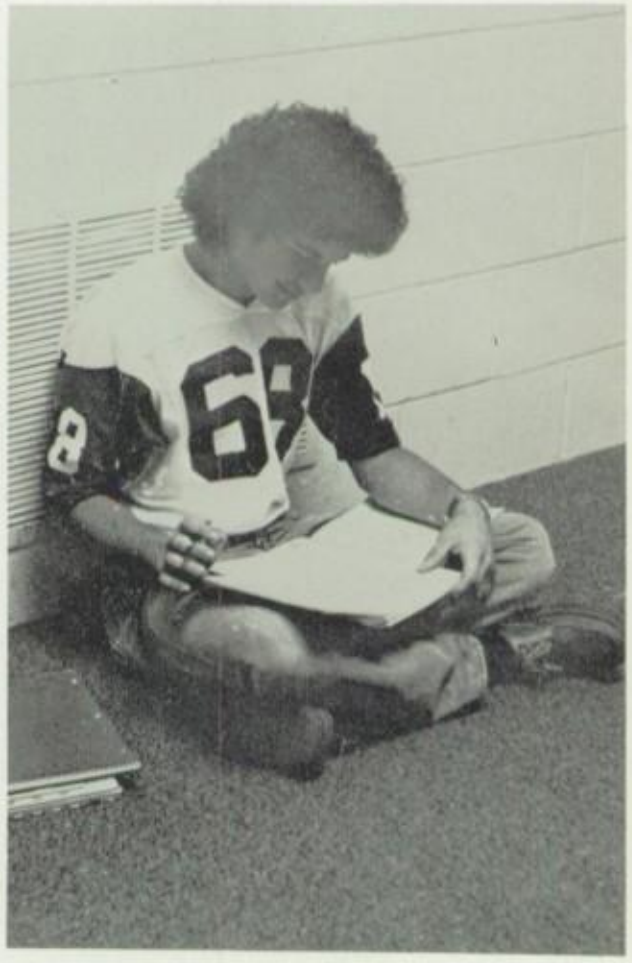
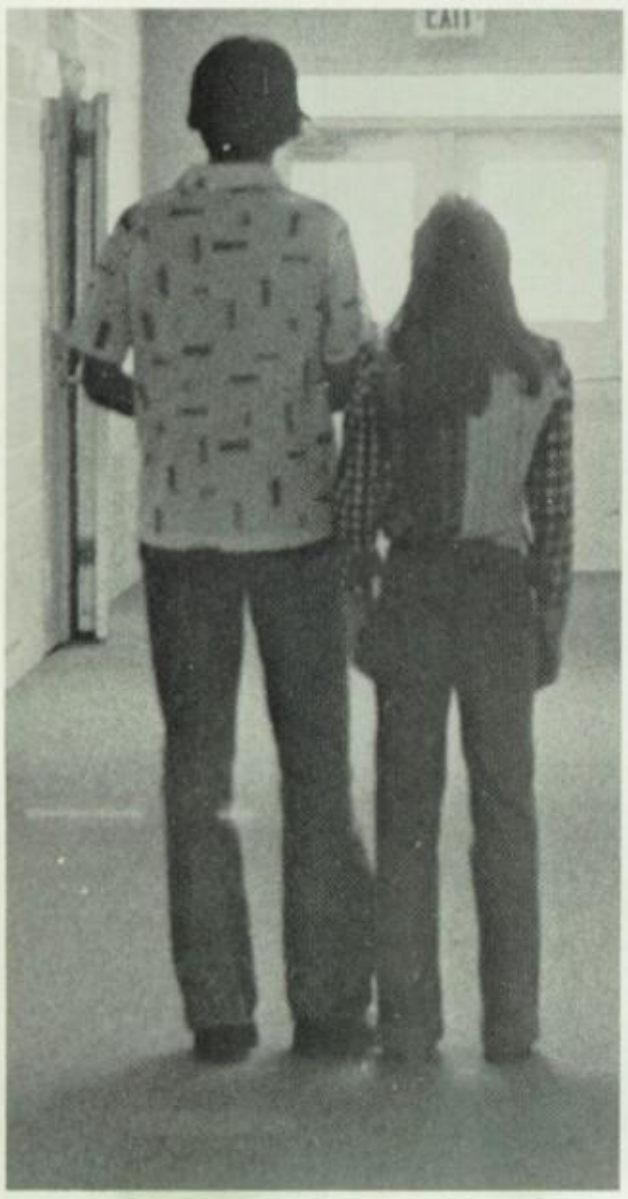
England Literature
MODERN TRIGONOMETRY
Nueva Vista
journalism

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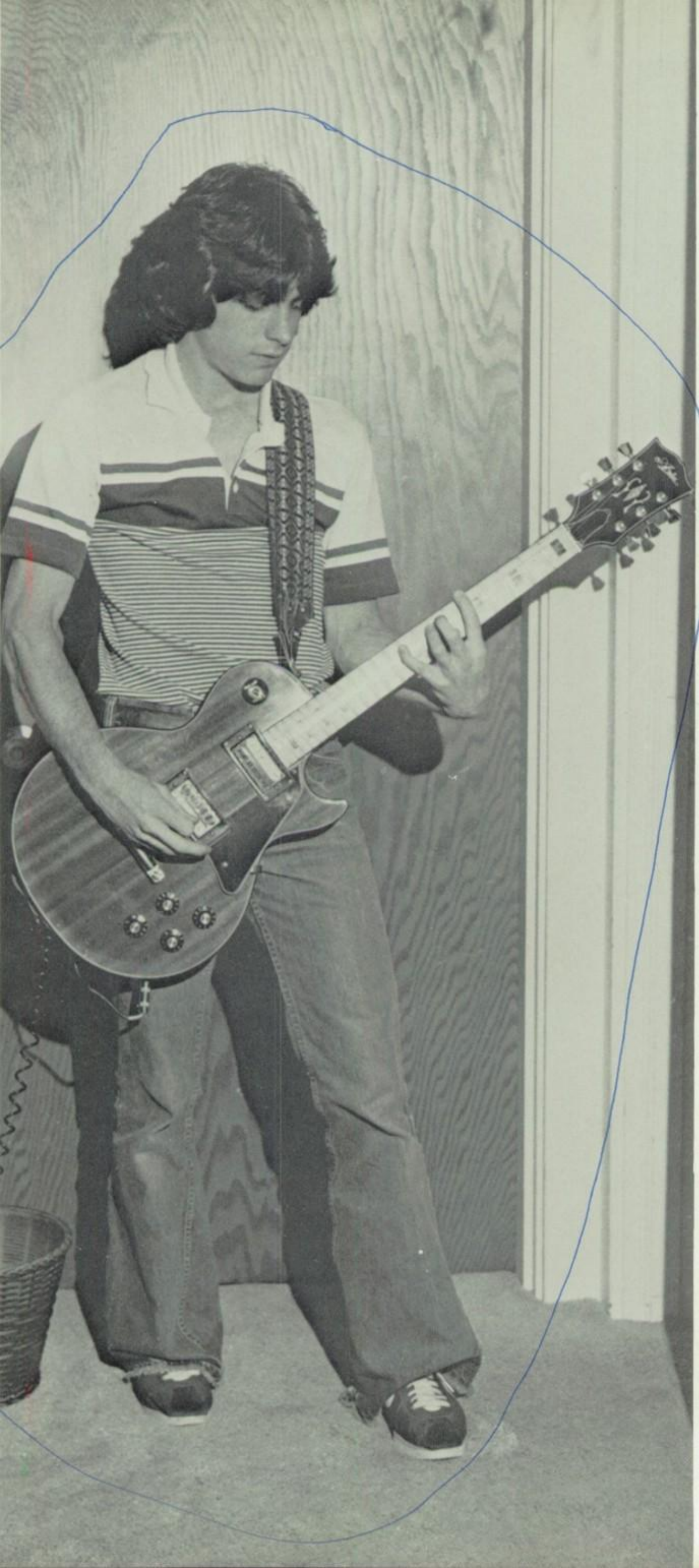
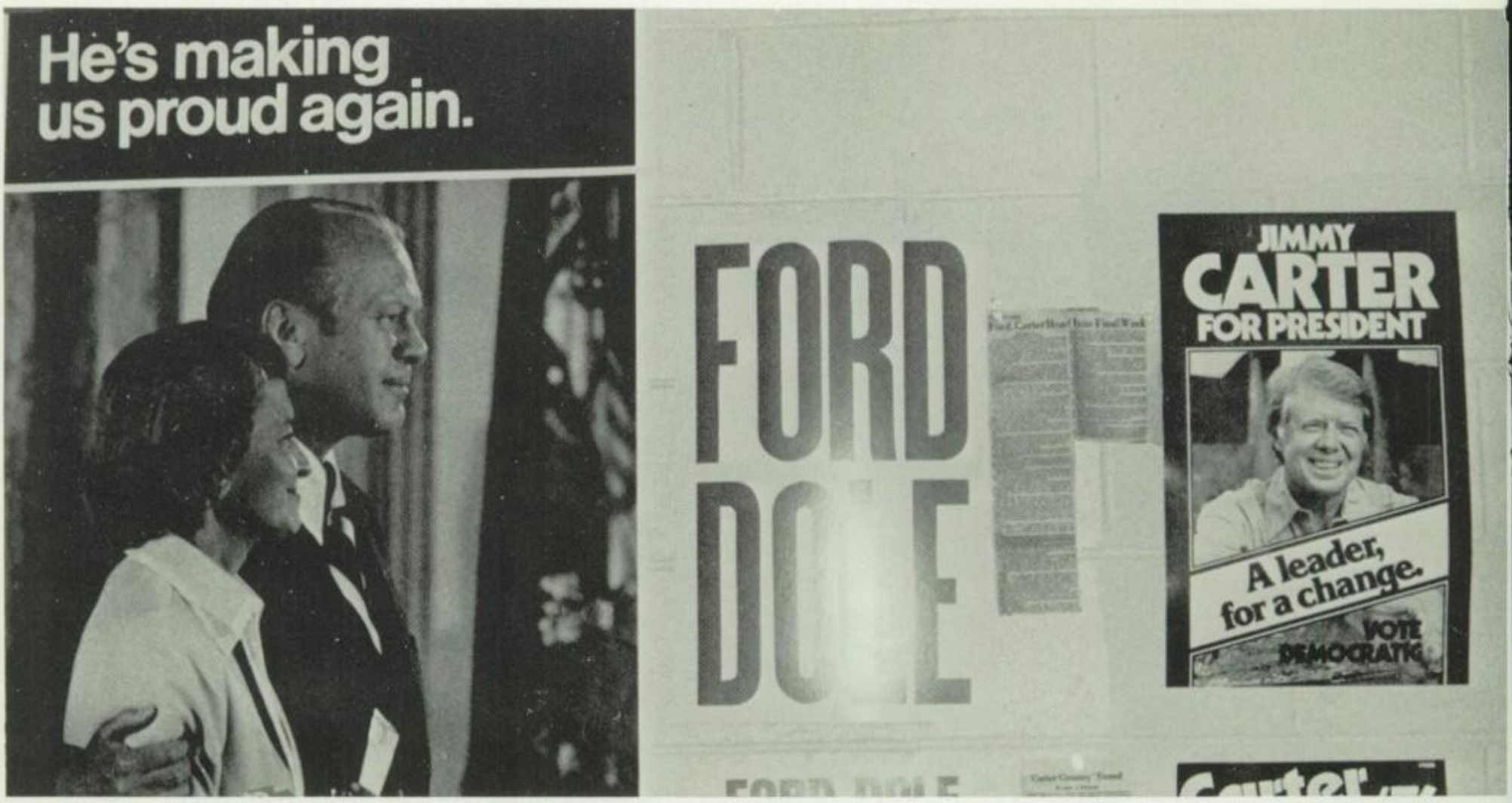


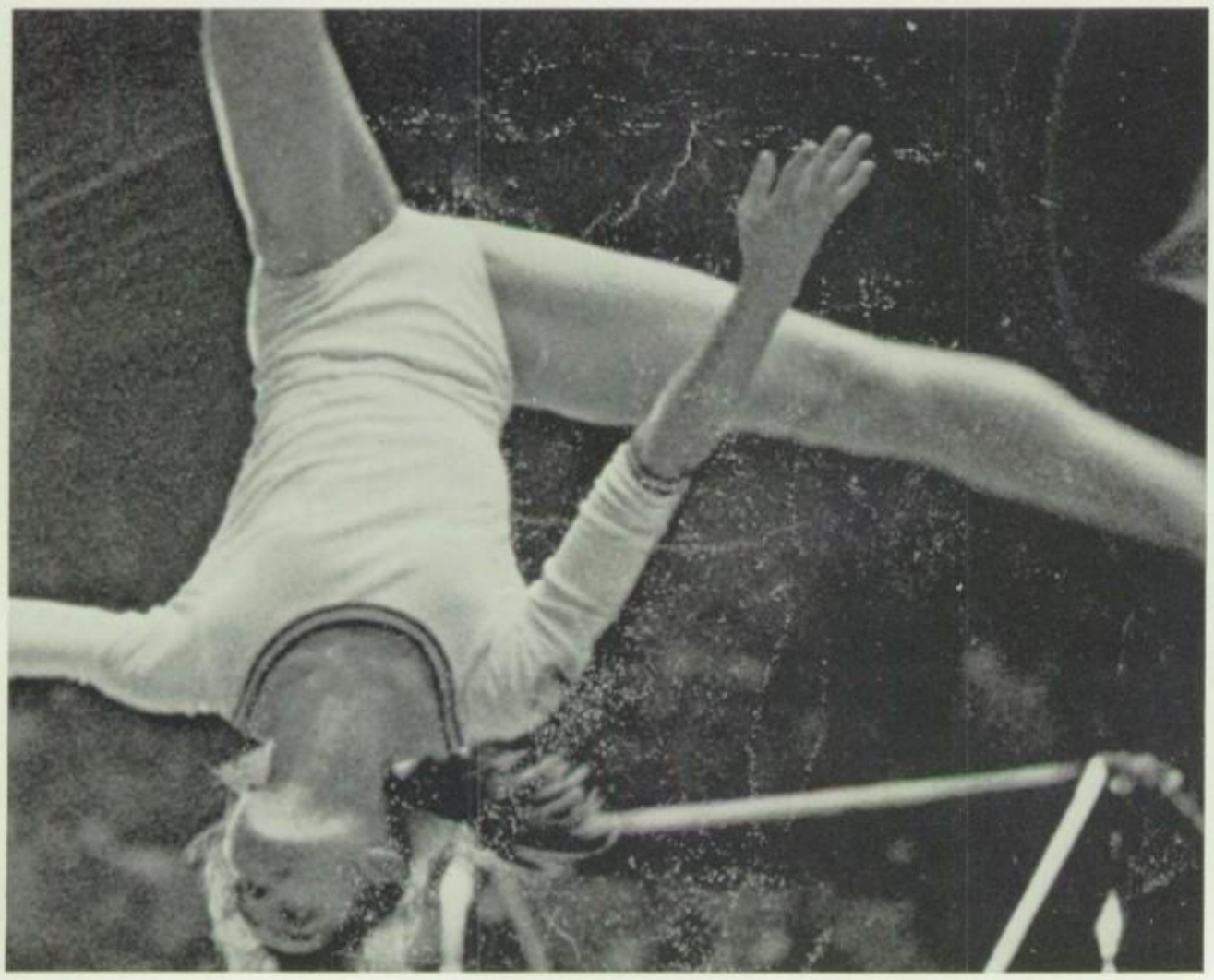
New shapes, New sizes,

New faces, New ideas—

All these combine to

make New Dimensions.


He's making
us proud again.
FORD
JIMMY
CARTER
FOR PRESIDENT
A leader,
for a change.
VOTE
DEMOCRATIC



Elections, Dances, and CB's Make Headlines.

In the fifties it was the twist, and bobbie socks, and greased-back hair. Elvis Presley was king; Eisenhower, President. That was the fifties.

Now, it's the bump. Feathered hair and gauchos are the style. Peter Frampton is what is heard over countless stereos; people communicate with CB, citizen band radio, and they are talking about Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, or a tiny Rumanian gymnast Nadia Comeneci.

Far left top: Campaign posters from the '76 election were common sights. Far left: Bill Loftin talks to a "good buddy" on his CB. Center left: One fad popular among RO football players was the "buzz cut" as exhibited by Randy Gilley, Troy Watters, and Bo Godfrey. Bottom: Nadia Comenci amazed thousands with the world's first perfect score, a ten in the gymnastic competition of the '76 Olympics in Montreal. Above: Peter Frampton sold over 5 million copies of "Frampton Comes Alive."

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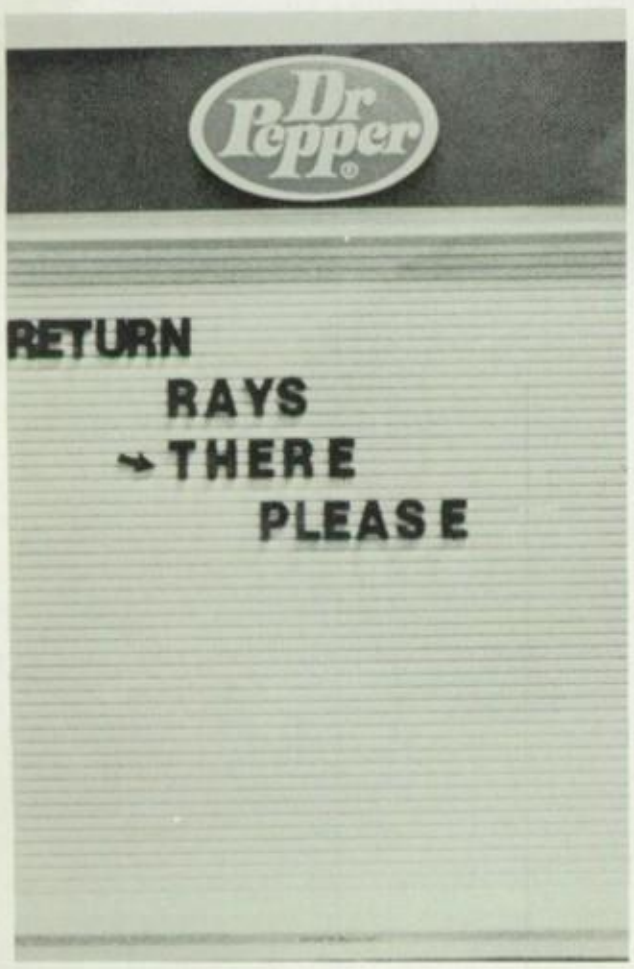
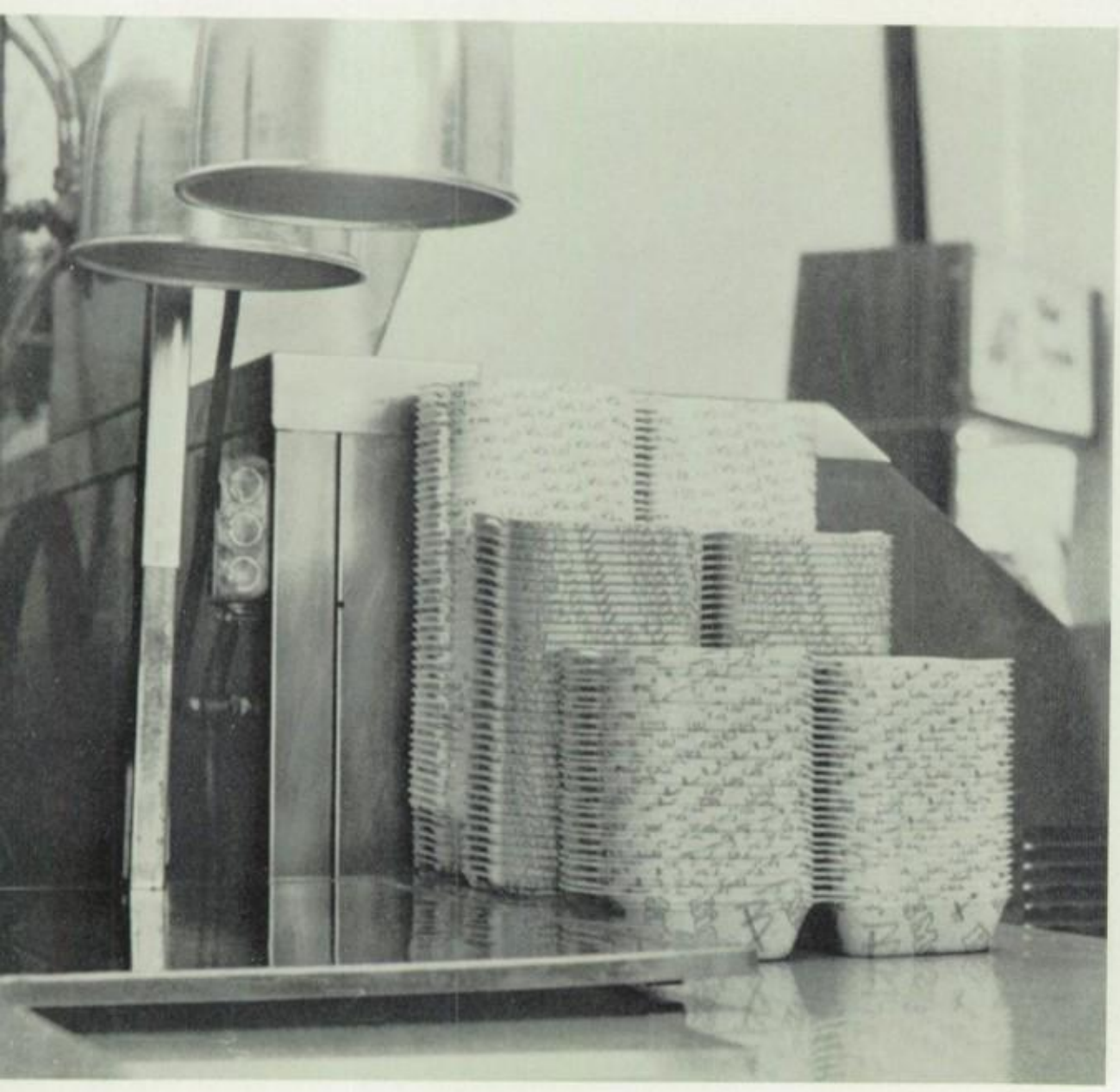
McDonald's

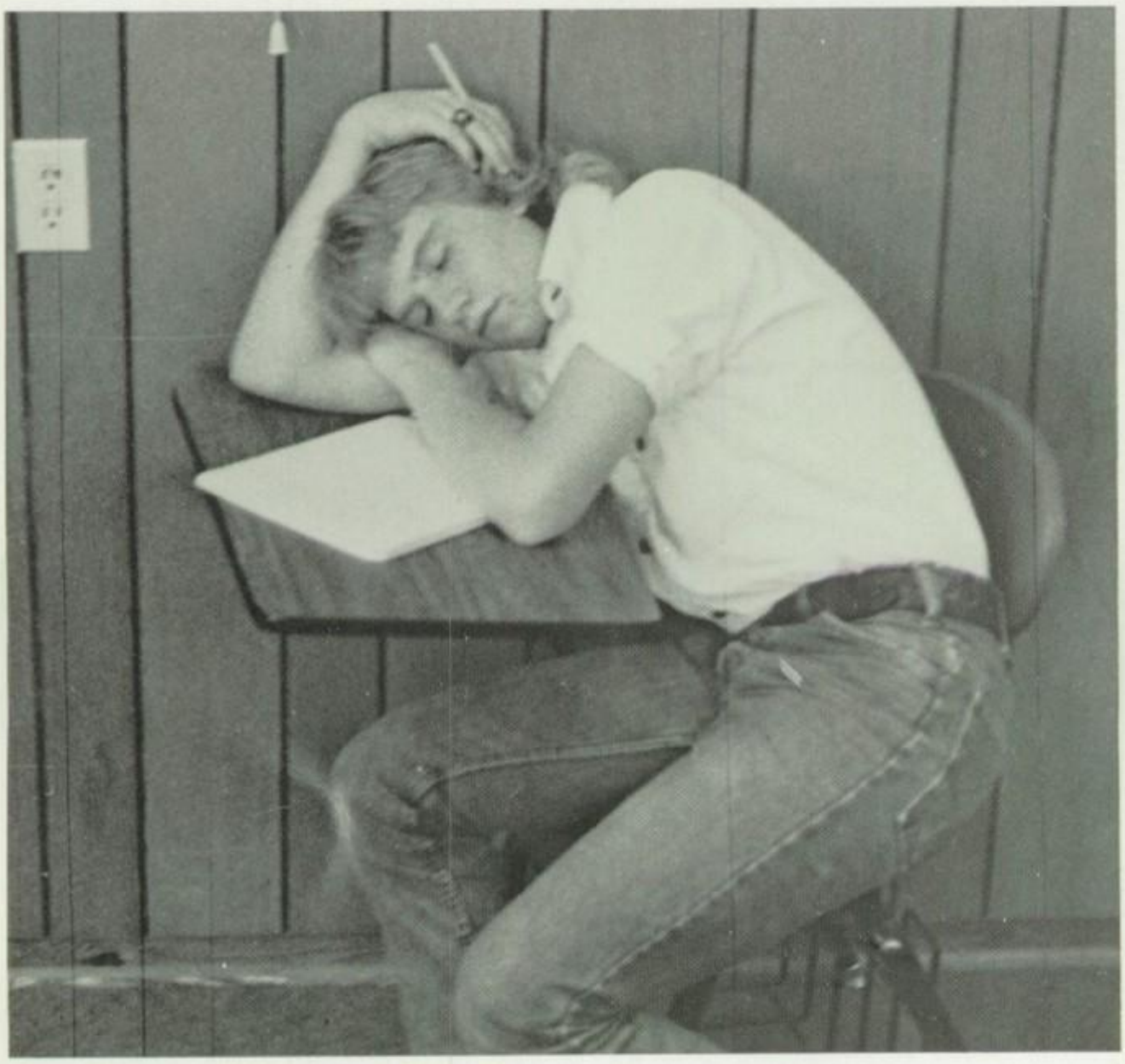

Dr Pepper
RETURN
RAYS
THERE
PLEASE

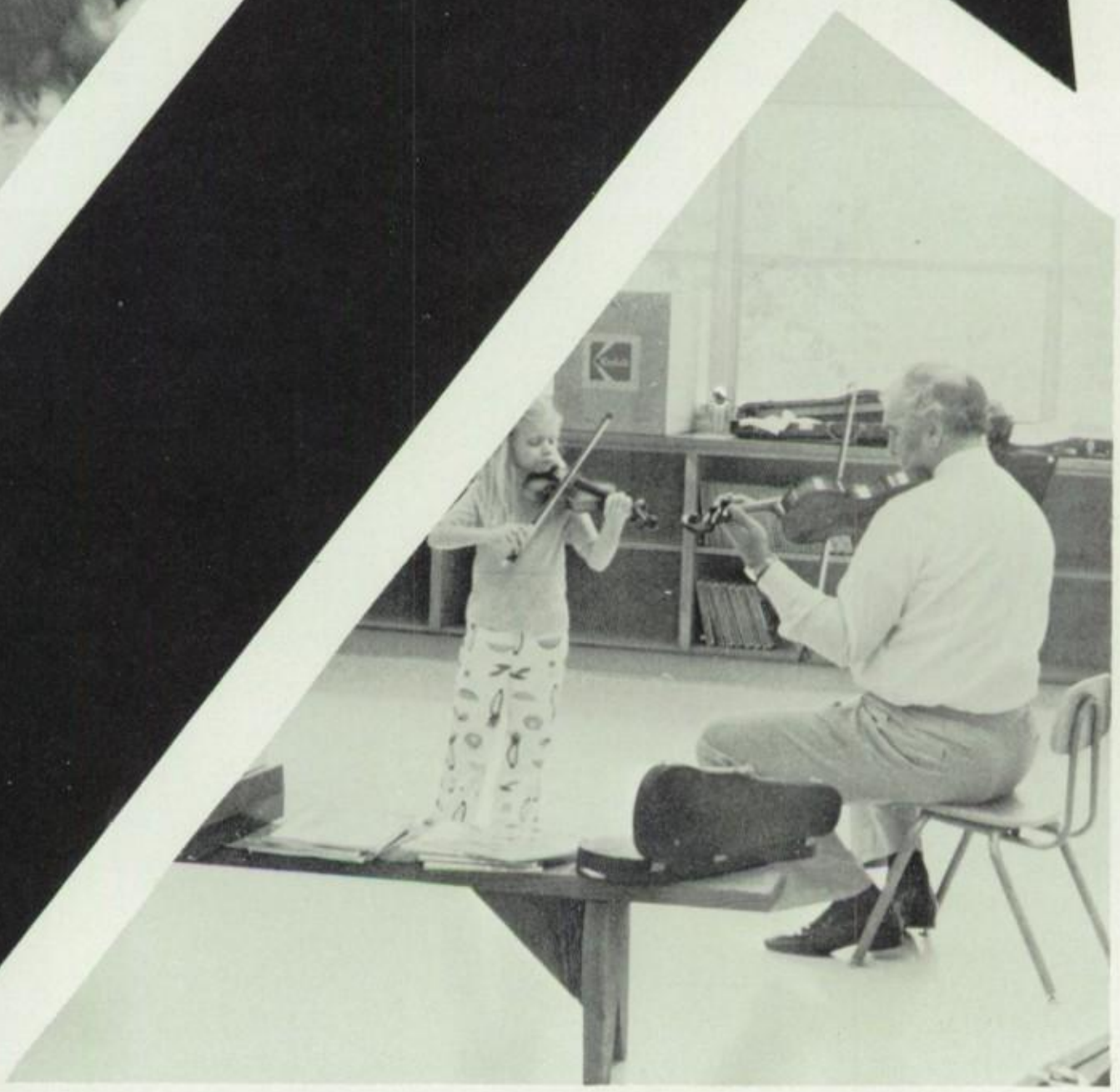
McDonald's did it all for us.

"You, you're the one.
You are the only reason . . . "

They never stop smiling in a McDonald's commercial. People dressed in blue uniforms wear an ear-to-ear grin from the time they ask, "May I help you?" until a satisfied customer takes the first bite of a juicy Quarter-Pounder. Happy music plays in the background as fans, football players, parents, or just plain people enjoy a McDonald's Epicurean delight. Now they're smiling at River Oaks, probably because River Oaks is one of the only two high schools in America to have a McDonald's cafeteria on campus. Thanks for this unusual dimension go to Mr. Alex George, whose experience with Monroe's other McDonald's brought hot hamburger lunches to River Oaks. Such an endeavor would seem to be quite a hassle, but when asked about the idea, Mr. George only smiled and said, "We do it all for you!"







FACULTY AND CLASSES

Board Coordinates Building Construction

1st row: Mrs. Peter Illing, Mrs. D. V. Loflin, Vice-President Robert Tirmenstein, President Walter Pierron, Jr., Mrs. D. R. Sarter. 2nd row: Mr. William Buller, Mr. Louis Smith, Mr. Jack Files, Mr. Aylmer Montgomery, Secretary Lovell Hayden, Treasurer Patrick Siudy, Mr. Don Stinson.

PROGRESS is a word that is now synonymous with River Oaks. Much of the school's progress can be attributed to the Board of Directors. Although the board worked behind the scenes in the past to maintain school policy and foundation, they assumed a starring role in the overall 1977 production. A new elementary building financed at $300,000 was the chief accomplishment of the year. In addition, a baseball field, McDonald's cafeteria, and a new curriculum additions were acquired. Upon the resignation of Dr. Max Crowe, the board appointed Mr. B. J. Hammock, the past assistant director, as director.

M. M. CROWE . . .

1970-1977

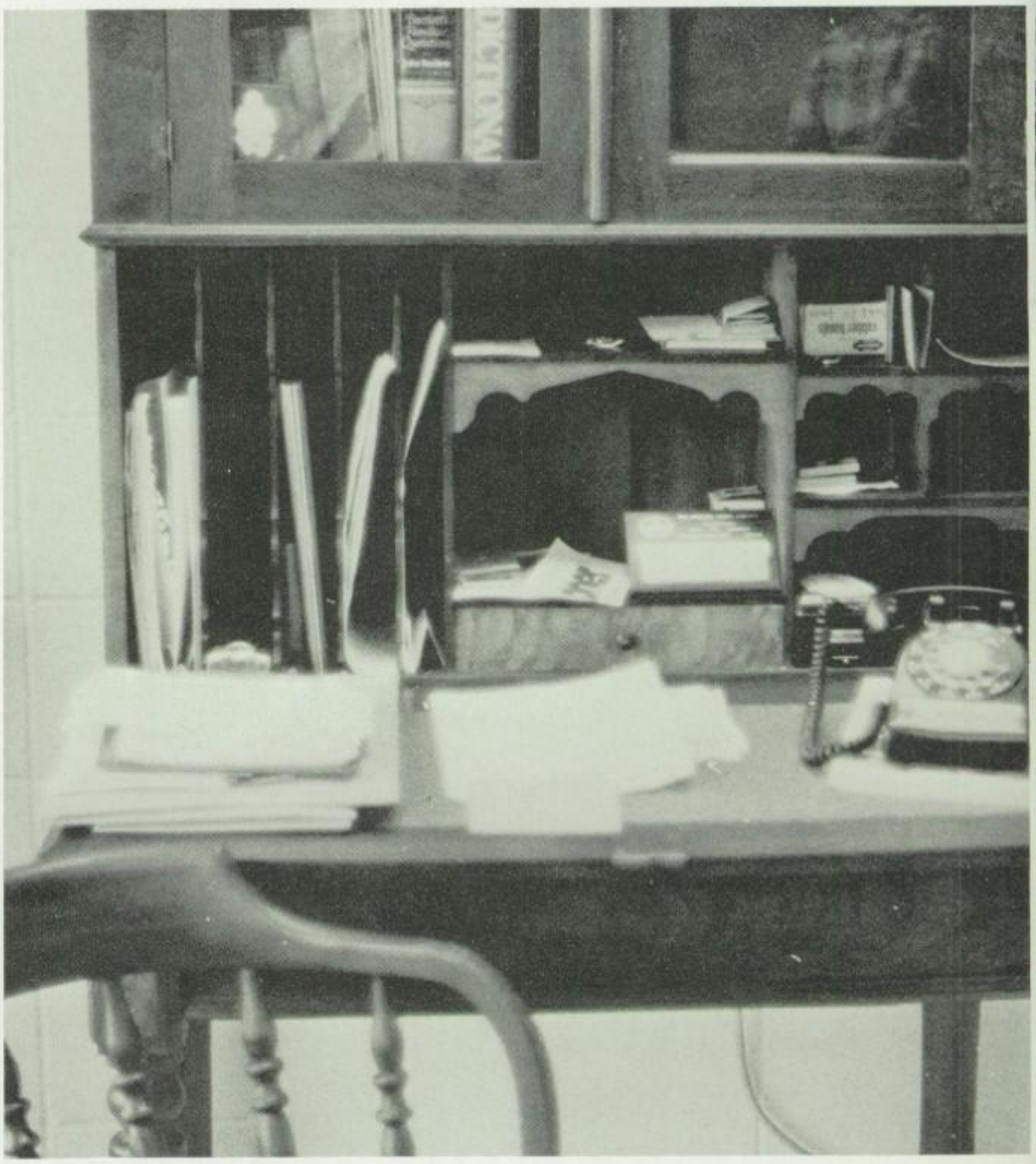
After seven years as director of River Oaks, Dr. Max Crowe resigned to accept a new position in Paris, Arkansas. Under his administration, the school grew from a fledgling dream to a highly-regarded educational institution. Also, R. O. received Southern Association accreditation, and its curriculum enlarged to include twelve grades. The physical facilities improved to include a modern gym and elementary with no temporary buildings. Dr. Crowe saw River Oaks become number one, not only in academics but also in football, basketball, and tennis. The SILVER SPUR staff wishes Dr. Crowe prosperity in his new endeavor and dedicates the 1977 SILVER SPUR to him.

Dr. Crowe, Mr. Hammock

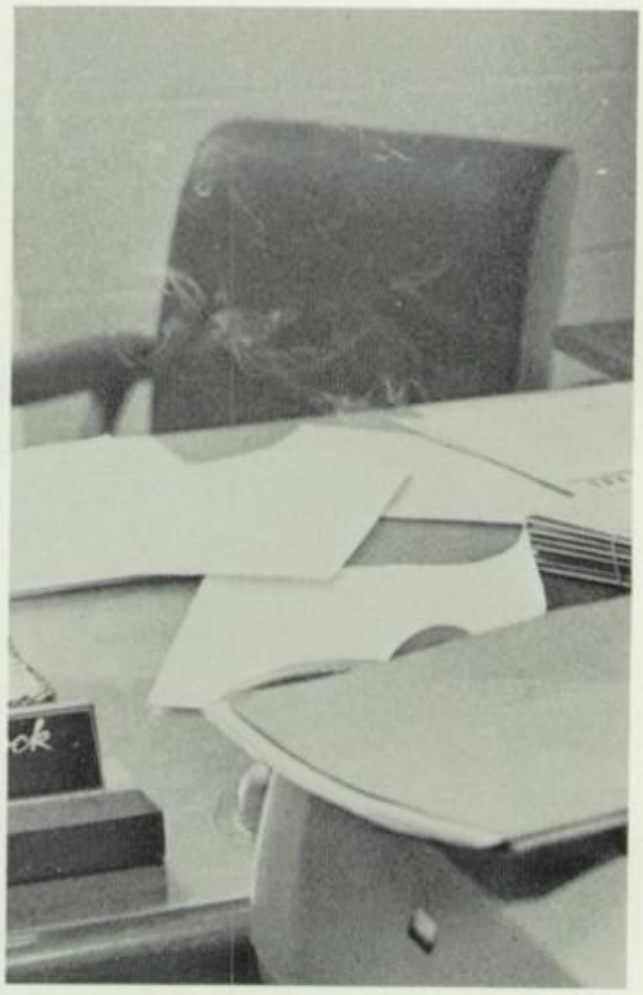
Because of a heart attack at the end of summer, Mr. Hammock was absent for the first weeks of school. However, he returned, tardy one might note, to a new office in the high school building. Mr. Hammock was not asked to show teachers his pink admit slip, but his tardiness was acknowledged by all.

Dr. Crowe, on the other hand, moved to his new office in the elementary building. Trying to manage three schools at once kept him constantly on the run; therefore, he often wore track shoes with his suits. Mr. Hammock's return brought the two together again in their duties of successfully co-ordinating River Oaks activities.

This page top: Mr. Hammock is always seen among the students at pep assembly. Bottom left: Even in cold weather, Dr. Crowe supervises the parking lot after school. The only difference is his furry parka. Right: Cluttered with papers, Dr. Crowe's antique desk is the main feature of his new office. Opposite page top left: Posing as one of the crowd, Mr. Hammock attends basketball games. Top right: The empty chair symbolizes Mr. Hammock's absence. Bottom left: Dr. Crowe pauses to reflect. Bottom right: Preparing the football field for a game are Dr. Crowe and Richard Deveny.



Change Offices, Buildings



New Faces Appear

Mrs. Jeannette Ackel—jr. high language arts.
Miss Deborah Baragona—girls' p. e.; Rangerettes, basketball coach.
Mr. Al Blackwell—English II, civics; Key Club sponsor.
Mrs. Ellen Boatright—business; Business Club sponsor.

Mr. Woody Boyles—varsity football coach.
Mrs. Pat Brenner—high school secretary.
Mrs. Harriett Cale—guidance counselor.
Mrs. Joan Chardkoff—French; French Club, senior sponsor.

Mr. Joe Cleveland—orchestra.
Mr. Darrell Crowder—Mustang Band.
Mrs. Rachel Cruse—general science, needlecraft.
Mrs. Patrice Delcambre—English III, elementary librarian.

Mr. Walter Dunn—American history, world history, advanced social studies; Student Council sponsor.
Mrs. Anita Fleming—Algebra II, advanced math; cheerleader sponsor.
Mr. Terry Head—boys' p. e.; jr. high football and track coach.
Mrs. Cinda Huber—jr. high French, Spanish I, II; Spanish Club sponsor.

On Enthusiastic Faculty

Mrs. Barbara Lassiter—jr. high language arts; jr. high cheerleader sponsor.
Mrs. Sybil Lefebvre—civics, Speech I, II; Speech Club sponsor.
Mr. Vernon Leggett—biology, chemistry; Interact Club sponsor.
Mrs. Nelwyn Norwood—English IV.

Mrs. Lynn Rickett—jr. high science.
Mrs. Gay Stueart—art; Art Club sponsor.
Mr. Harlan Tanner—driver's ed., boys' p. e.; basketball coach.
Mrs. Tommie Thackston—physics, geometry.

Mrs. Brenda Turnage—Algebra I, general math; Sundance Kids sponsor.
Mrs. Donna Underwood—English I, American novel, Journalism; SILVER SPUR, PONY EXPRESS, senior sponsor.
Mrs. Peggy Underwood—developmental reading.
Mrs. Jean Vines—elementary French.

Mrs. Ruth Ward—librarian.
Mrs. Gail Watson—jr. high math.
Mrs. Tina Williamson—elementary secretary.
Mrs. Beth Wooldridge—bookkeeper.

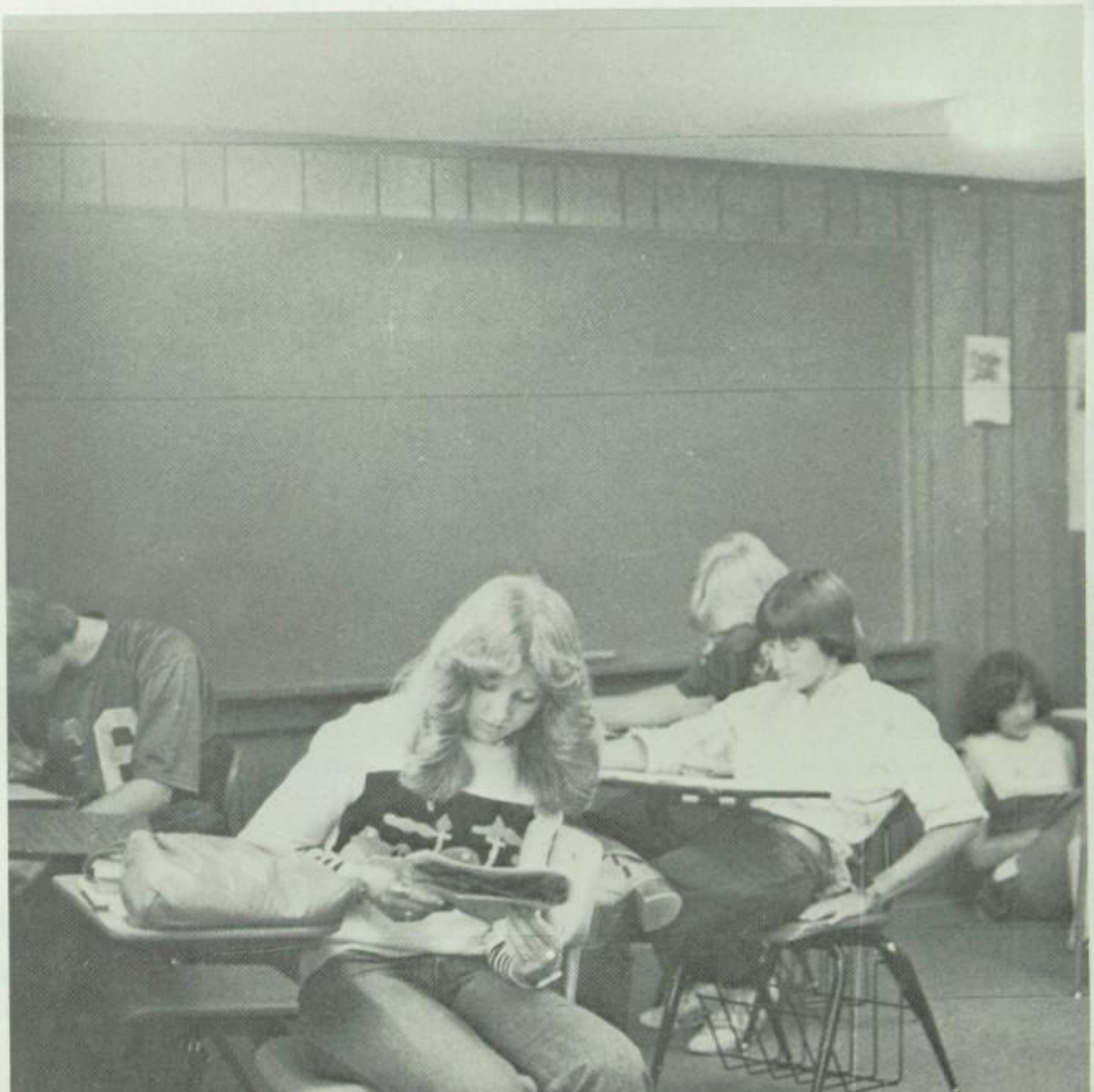
New Classes Combine With "Old Favorites" to

Among the other new additions to R. O.'s campus are two new classes. Along with their required subjects students may elect needlecraft or the American novel. Needlecraft is only for the jr. high students, and its objective, according to the teacher Mrs. Rachel Cruse, is to teach such arts as needlepoint and embroidery.

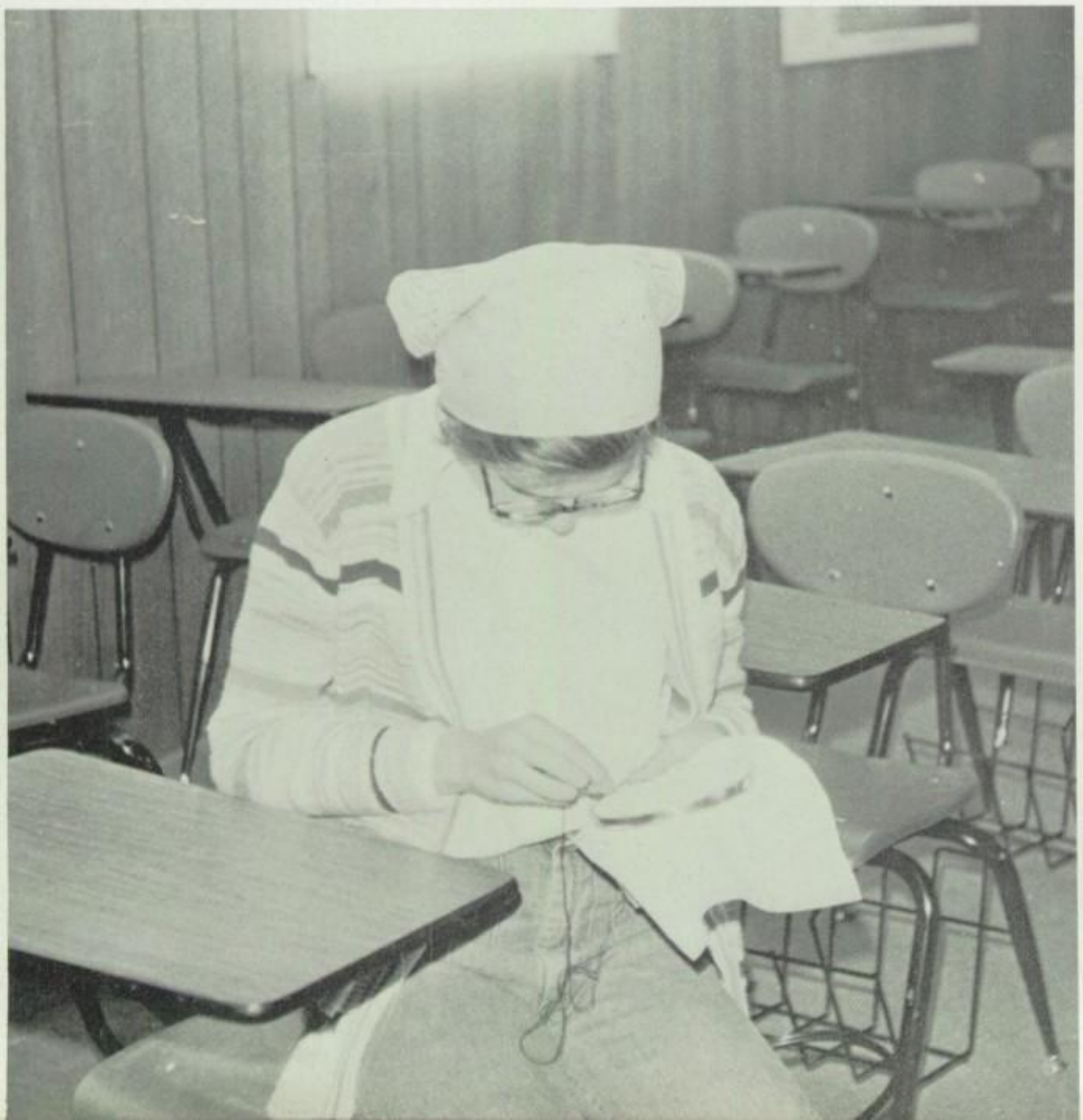
American novel, taught by Mrs. Donna Underwood, is designed "to present a comprehensive study of the American novel from its beginning to the present." Only those students with a C average or better in English and above average reading ability are in the class. Novels studied range from classics to contemporary including THE SCARLET LETTER, BILLY BUDD, THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA, A FAREWELL TO ARMS, THE PIGMAN, THE JUNGLE, OF MICE AND MEN, and ALL THE KING'S MEN.

Business courses, math, science, and English are still taught, but progressive, new ideas are now a part of everyday school life.

Opposite page top left: Elementary Band starts young musicians into music with a good background. Members of the 6th grade band are (bottom) Micheal Cummings, Ann Ware, Julie Abraugh, Nan Cox, Melissa Parker. (top) Walter Sartor, Harris Brown, Bret Armintor, Charles Whitaker. Top right: Composing the 5th grade band are (front) David Vines, John Ward (back) Cindy Bradly, Neville Shafto, Carolyn Cox. Bottom left: Diligently working on embroidery is Lisa Illing. Bottom right: Taking a hard-earned break in American Novel are David Smith and Richard Guerriero. This page top: With tumbling, soccer, volleyball, and track, P. E. students learned badmitton. Bottom left: Mrs. Boatright supervises Bill Cotton in a typing exercise. Bottom right: Surveying scripts in Speech II are Tom Tosten, Lisa Files, William Tosten, and Edward Brenner. Martha Winters rests in the corner.



Complete R.O.'s 1977 Curriculum



Seniors Survive Lady Nelwyn's Term Paper,

Mark Addison: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Key Club 2,3,4, representative 2,4, vice-president 3; Business Club 3; Art Club 2,4.

Scott Anderson: Speech Club 3,4; Interact Club 2,3,4, vice-president 3, party chairman 4; Business Club 2,3,4; Art Club 3,4, sergeant-at-arms 3, party chairman 4; Spanish Club 2,3,4, vice-president 2, president 4; Student Council 4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 2,3; Track 4.

Susan Anderson: L. I. S. A. Literary Rally 1,2,3,4; Tech Literary Rally 2,3,4; N. L. U. Speech Festival 4; Speech Rally 3,4; Honor Student 3; Honorable Mention 2; Cheerleader 4; Sundance Kids 1,2,3, co-captain 3; Yearbook Staff 1,2,3,4, section editor 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 1,2,3,4, secretary 3,4; Interact Club Sweetheart 4; Business Club 4, secretary 4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4, president 2,3, program chairman 4; Student Council 4; Freshman Favorite; Interclub Council 2,3, secretary 2; Girls' State; Favorite 1,3; Pilot Club Service Award; Co-Valedictorian; American Legion Award; E. N. Jackson Memorial Mathematics Trophy; L. S. U. Alumni Foundation Scholarship.

Suzette Boozer: Sundance Kids 2,3,4, captain 4; Yearbook Staff 4, section editor 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 2,3,4; Business Club 4; Art Club 2; Spanish Club 3,4; N. L. U. Warbonnet Scholarship.

Scott Brandle: Band 1,2,3,4, vice-president 2,3, president 4; John P. Sousa award; Speech Club 4; Interact Club 1,2,3,4; Business Club 4; Art Club 4; French Club 2,3,4; Student Council 4, parliamentarian 4; Interclub Council 3,4, secretary 3,4; Football 1; Golf 4.

Edward Brennen: Speech Club 1,2,4; Interact Club 1,2,3,4; Art Club 3,4; Spanish Club 1,3; Basketball 1,2; Golf 3; Tennis 1,2,3,4, All-State 2,3; Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4.

Melanie Buller: Sundance Kids 1; Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Business Club 1,2; French Club 1,2,3,4, party chairman 3, vice-president 4; Basketball manager 2,3,4; Mardi Gras Court.

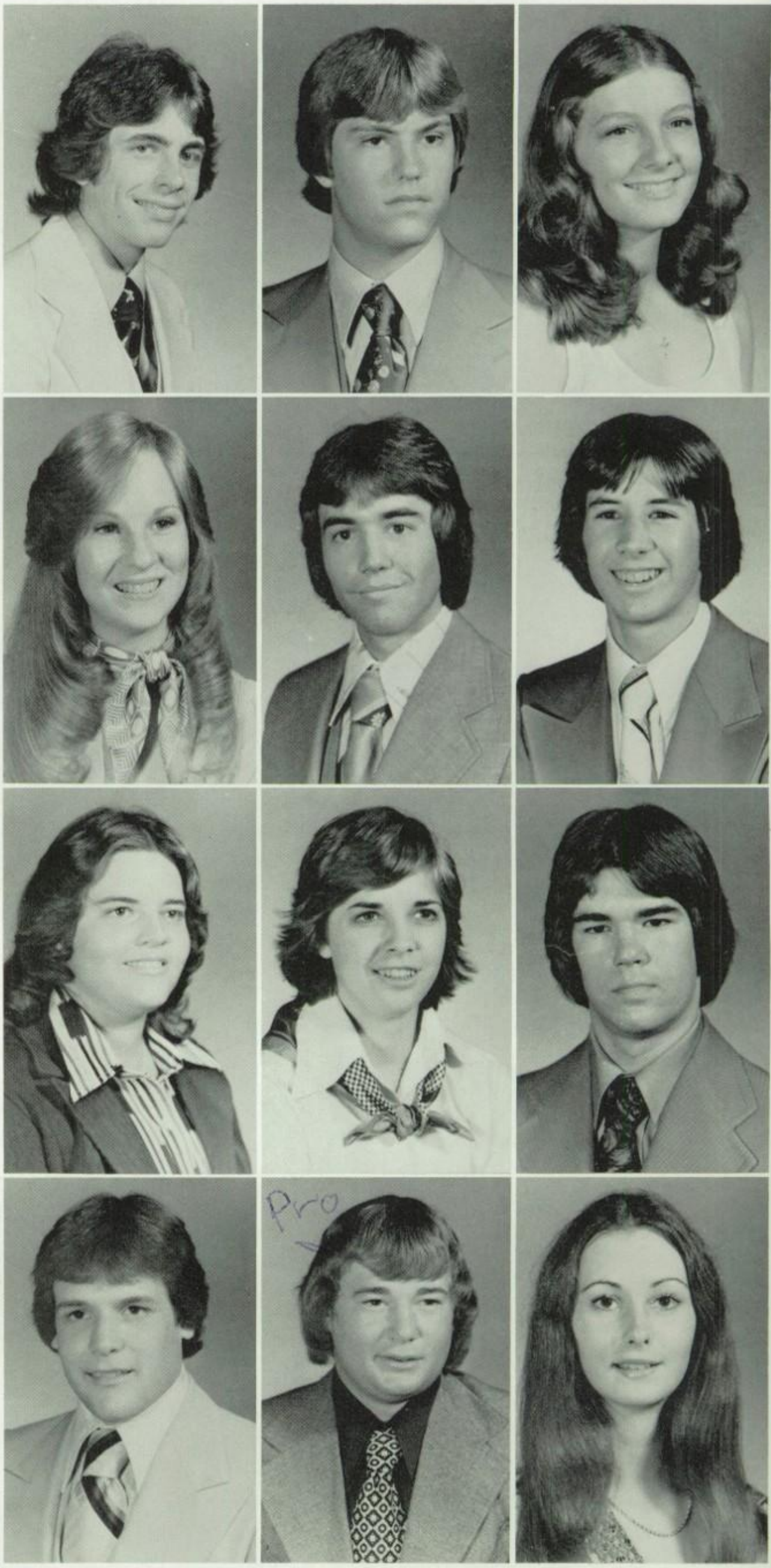
Elizabeth Cookston: Art Club 3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,3; Student Council 2,3, reporter 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4, Honorable Mention All-District 3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4, L. I. S. A. Singles 2,3, L. I. S. A. Doubles 3.

Henson Coon: Speech Club 2; Interact Club 1,2,3,4; Football 3,4; Basketball 1; Track 4.

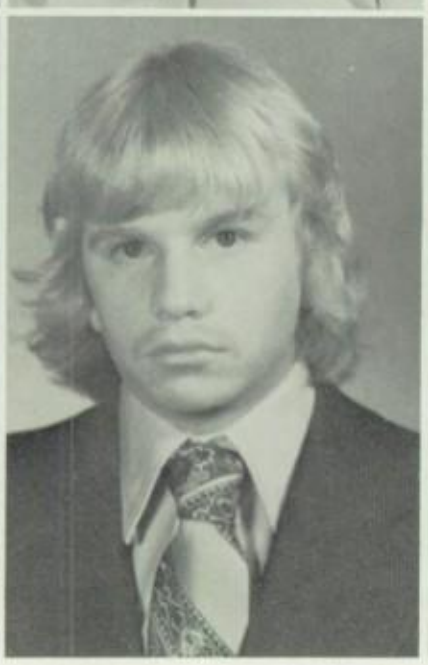
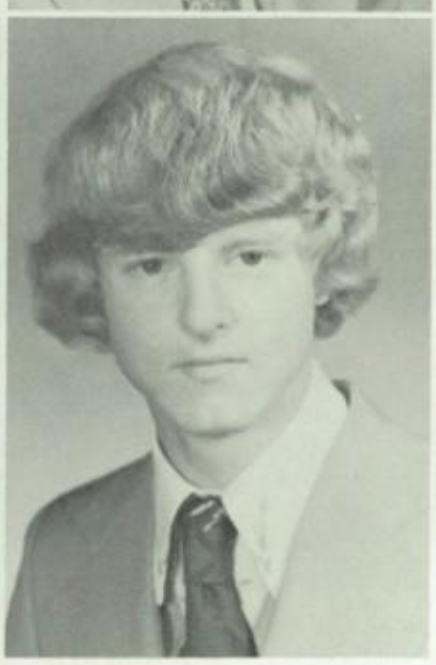
Edwin Craft: Tech Literary Rally 4; Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 2,3,4; Interact Club 1,2,3,4, treasurer 4; Business Club 4, president 4; Spanish Club 1; Student Council 2; Football 3,4; Baseball; Tennis 2,3, All-State 3; Track 1,2,3; Favorite 3; Mardi Gras Court.

Terry Culver: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Interact Club 2,3,4, sergeant-at-arms 3; Art Club 3,4; Spanish Club 3; Basketball 2,3,4; Honorable Mention All-District 3, All-District 4; Track 3.

Anne Desha: Speech Rally 2,3; Sundance Kids 2,3, co-captain 2; Yearbook Staff 4, section editor 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 1,2,3,4, vice-president 3,4; Business Club 4; Spanish Club 3,4, secretary-treasurer 4; Beauty.



Advanced Math, and Jokes During Lunch

Stephanie Dorroh: L. I. S. A. Literary Rally 4; Tech Literary Rally 4; Speech Rally 3,4; NLU Speech Festival 2,3,4; Yearbook Staff 1,2,3,4, section editor 3, editor 4, SILVER SPUR Service Award; PONY EXPRESS Staff 3,4; Band 1,2,3, party chairman 1, feature twirler 1,2,3, drum major 3, representative 2; Speech Club 2,3,4, president 4; Key Club Sweetheart 4; Art Club 4; French Club 1,4; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Interclub Council 4; Miss River Oaks; Mardi Gras Court.

Mike Easterling: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 4; Interact Club 1,2,3,4; Art Club 3,4, vice-president 3; Spanish Club 1,2,3; Student Council 4, vice-president and president 4; Interclub Council 4, president 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 3,4; Mardi Gras Court King; Boys' State; American Legion Award.

Brenda George: Speech Rally 4; Cheerleader 4; Homecoming Court 3,4; Yearbook Staff 4, section editor 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 3, treasurer 3; Key Club Sweetheart 4; Business Club 4, treasurer 4; Art Club 2,4; French Club 2,3,4, party chairman 2, treasurer 3,4; Basketball 3; Friendliest; Mardi Gras Court.

Randy Gilley: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 4; Football 3,4, All-District 4.

Bo Godfrey: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Interact Club 1,2,3,4, sergeant-at-arms 1, board of directors 4; Art Club vice-president 4; Spanish Club 1,2,3; Student Council 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4, honorable mention all-district 4; Basketball 1,2,4; Baseball 4.

Shirley Hakim: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Business Club 2,3,4; Spanish Club 3,4.

Herbert Hobgood: L. I. S. A. Literary Rally 1,2,3,4; Tech Literary Rally 1,2,3,4; Honorable Mention 2; Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Business Club 4; Spanish Club 1,2,3; Golf 1,2,3,4.

Susan Hudson: Cheerleader 4; Sundance Kids 2,3, co-captain 3; Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 3,4; Key Club Sweetheart 3; Interact Club Sweetheart 4; Art Club 3,4; Spanish Club 2,3; Homecoming Queen.

Morris Inabnet: Speech Club 4; Interact Club 3,4; Business Club 4, vice-president 4; Spanish Club 3,4; Football 4; Basketball 3,4; Baseball 3,4; Tennis 4.

Lisa Kelso: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Service Award; Business Club 4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 2,3,4, secretary-treasurer 4; Basketball 3.

Bill Loftin: L. I. S. A. Literary Rally 1,2,3,4; Tech Literary Rally 1,3,4; Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 3,4; Key Club 2,3,4; Spanish Club 2,3; Baseball 3,4.

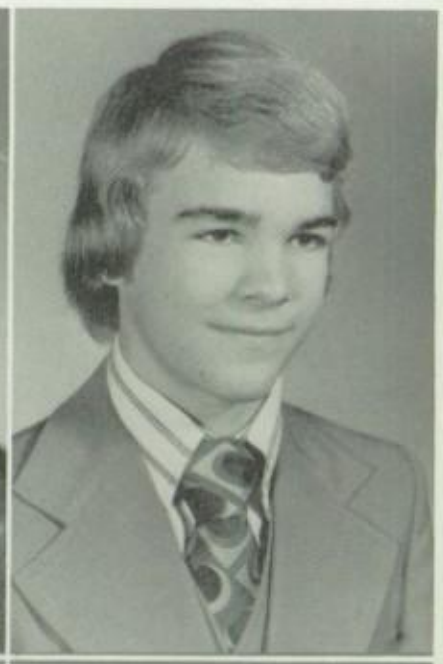
Chuck McBride: Interact Club 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 4.

Like Peter Frampton, Seniors Show Underclass

Jeff McBride: Speech Club 4; Business Club 4; Art Club 3,4; Spanish Club 2, Basketball 3; Baseball 3.

Stacy McCrocklin: L. I. S. A. Literary Rally 1,2; Tech Literary Rally 1,2,3; Cheerleader 1,2; Interact Club Sweetheart 1,2; Business Club 1; French Club 1,2,3,4, vice-president 2, president 3; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4, secretary 2; Student Council 3,4, secretary 3, president 4.

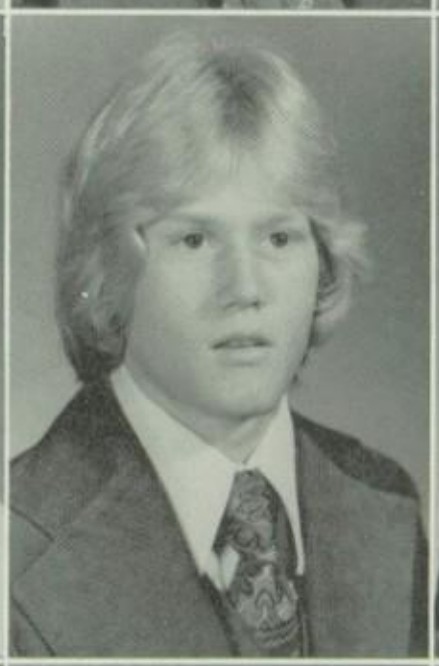
Richard Pipes: Band 1; Interact Club 1,2,3,4; French Club 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Basketball 4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Mardi Gras Court.



Kathleen Redman: L. I. S. A Literary Rally 1,2,3,4; Tech Literary Rally 1,2,3,4; Honor Student 2; Sundance Kids 2,3; Business Club 2,3,4, secretary 2; Spanish Club 1,2,3; Student Council 1,2; Girls' State; National Merit Finalist; Tech Honor Scholarship.

Donald Reeves: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Key Club 2; Interact 2,3,4, chairman 3, president 4; Business Club 3, vice-president 3; Art Club 2,3,4; French Club 2,4; Football 2,3,4; Most Valuable Player 4; Track 3,4; Most Athletic; Handsome; Mardi Gras Court.

Mary Roberson: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Art Club 2,3,4, president 4; Outstanding Art Student 3; Spanish Club 3; Student Council 3,4, historian 3,4; Basketball 1,2,4; Presidential Physical Fitness Award 1; NLU Honor Scholarship.



Lamar Rogers: Speech Rally 3; Speech Club 3; Key Club 2,3,4, representative 3, vice-president 4; Business Club 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1; Basketball Manager 1.

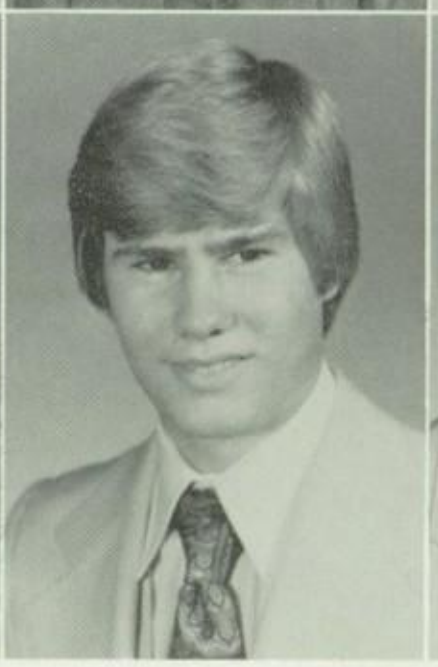
Dorothy Sartor: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 3; Business Club 3,4; Art Club 4; Spanish Club 3; Student Council 1; Basketball 1.

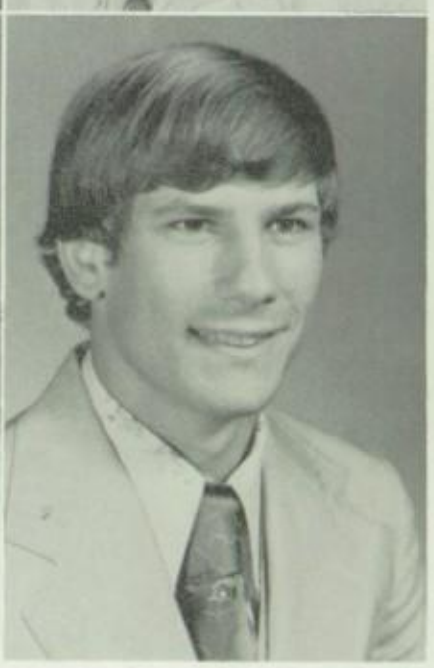
Lynda Simpson: L. I. S. A. Literary Rally 2,4; Tech Literary Rally 2; Sundance Kids 4; Band 1,2,3,4, secretary 1,2,3; Art Club 1; French Club 1,2,3,4, vice-president 3, secretary 4; Basketball 3,4; All-District Band; Mardi Gras Court.

Jon Somsen: L. I. S. A. Literary Rally 1,2,3,4; Tech Literary Rally 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4, representative 2,4; Key Club 2,3,4; French Club 3; Co-Valedictorian; Senior History Award.

Tom Tosten: Speech Club 4; Key Club 4; Business Club 4; Art Club 4; French Club 4; Football 4.

Mark Ulrich: Band 1,2,3,4, vice-president 1,4, president 2,3; Interact Club 1,2,3,4, board of directors 3; Business Club 3; French Club 1,2,3,4, sergeant-at-arms 3,4; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Friendliest; All-District Band 1,3; Favorite 1,2; Mardi Gras Court; DAR Good Citizen Award.





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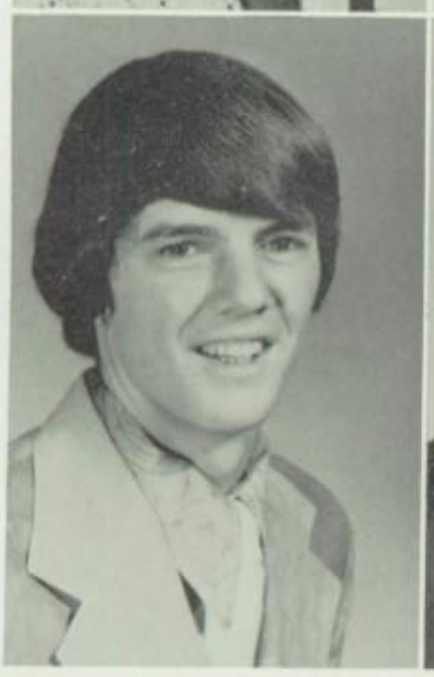


Larry Walker: L. I. S. A. Literary Rally 3,4; Tech Literary Rally 4; Band 1,2,3,4; National Merit Finalist; South-Central Bell Science Award; Scottish Rites Masonry Award; Walter Pierron Science Award; National Merit Scholarship to Georgia Tech.

Roy Wall: Interact Club 3,4; French Club 3; Football 3,4; Basketball 4.

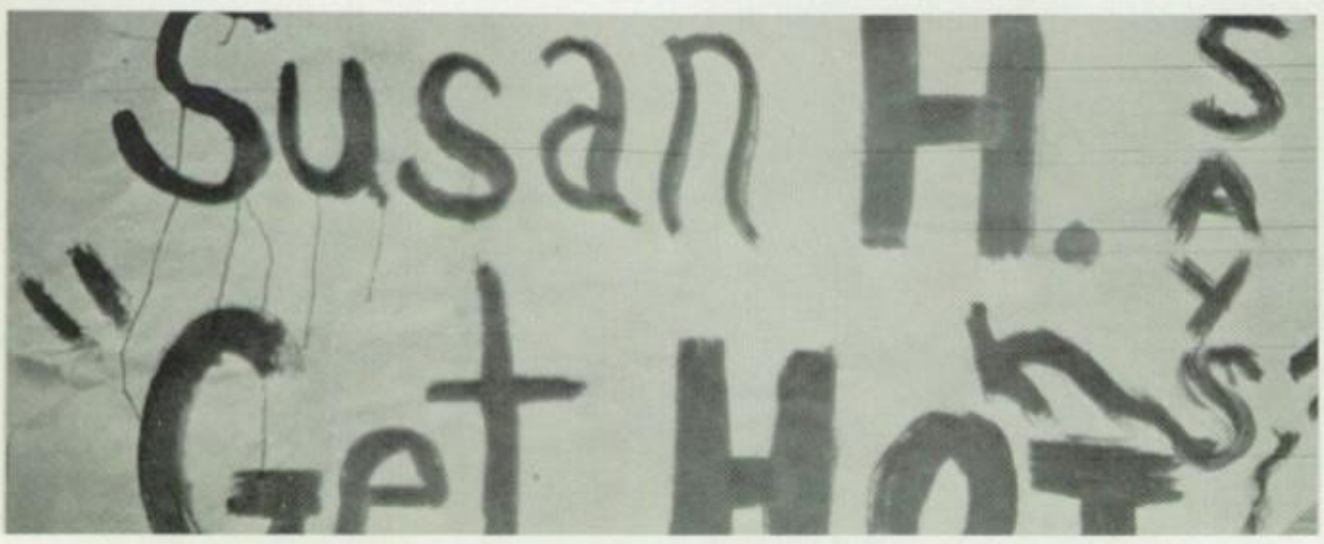
Troy Watters: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 3; Interact Club 2,3,4, sergeant-at-arms 3, board of directors 4; Spanish Club 3; Football 1,2,3,4, All-District 3,4, All-State 4, Most Valuable Defensive Player 4; Basketball 2; Baseball 3,4; Tennis 2; Track 3,4, All-District 4, All-State 4; Tech Athletic Scholarship.

Lee Webster: Business Club 2; Art Club 2; Golf 4.

Randy Wells: Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Key Club 4, party chairman 4; Art Club 3,4; Spanish Club 2,4; Baseball 3: Mardi Gras Court.

Martha Winters: Speech Rally 3; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Speech Club 2,3,4, vice-president 4; Key Club Sweetheart 2; Interact Club Sweetheart 3; Business Club 4; Art Club 4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4, secretary 3, vice-president 4; Student Council 1,2,3; Favorite 2; Most School Spirit.

Donese Worden: Speech Rally 2,4; NLU Speech Festival 3,4; Yearbook Staff 4; PONY EXPRESS Staff 4; Speech Club 1,2,3,4; Business Club 1,2,3,4; French Club 3, 3, 4; Spanish Club 4; Senior Gift Chairman; Most Talented; Presidential Physical Fitness Award 1; NLU Music Scholarship,


Susan H. says
"Get Hot

Seniors of Seventy Seven

Like your symbol the mustang
Unbridled and brave
Hold your heads high
And be no one's slave

And whatever you do
Keep this deep in your soul
Some things are worth keeping
More precious than gold

In some future time
In some far-away place
When friends seem to forget
Your name and your face

Memories will return
And there you will find
All of the good things
Tucked away in your mind

Of the River Oaks days
And the way you prepared
To challenge life's tasks
And how well you have fared

Of the spirit you've felt
And the spirit you've shown
The miles you have traveled
And the years you have known

Oh, you'll pause now and then
To sort through the past
And you'll note with a smile
That some things do last

So, Salute those good days
And the friends who are true
With a toast to the Mustang
And the Silver and Blue!

Larry Wayne Addison
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Susan Anderson

Melanie Buller

Jeff McBride

Suzette Boozer

Scott Anderson

Stacy McCracklin

Steffie Dorroh

Mike Castleberry

Lee Webster

Susan Hudson

Lamar Rogers

Mark Addison

Scott Brandle

Anne Kelso

Richard Pyles

Tesha Lira

"Buck"

Shirley Habism

Bear Zuich

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Donese Worden

Herbert Holgood

Thomas B. Godfrey

Roy Wall

Terry Walker

Martha Winters

Donald Taylor

Edwin Crafts

Kathleen Redman

W. Morris Sartor

Brenda George

Mary Roberson

Randy Dilley

Dorothy Sartor

Tom Foster

Jon Somsen

Edward Brennen

Troy L. Watters

Elizabeth Cookston

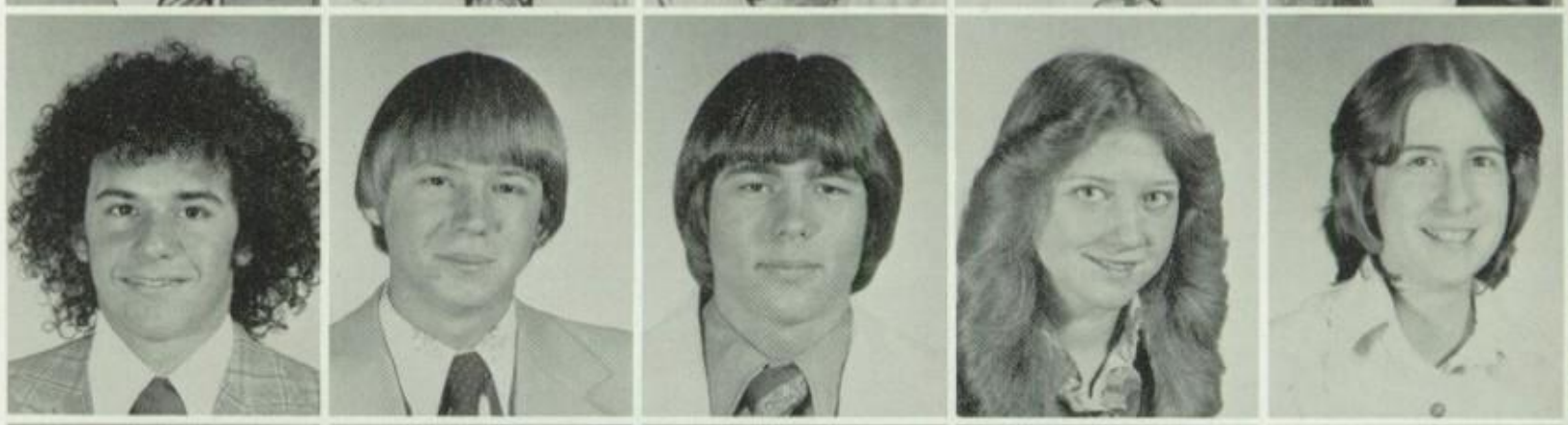
Randy Wells

Juniors Place Orders

Bill Adams
Jane Adams
Lisa Beason
Mil Bodron
Rookh Brothers

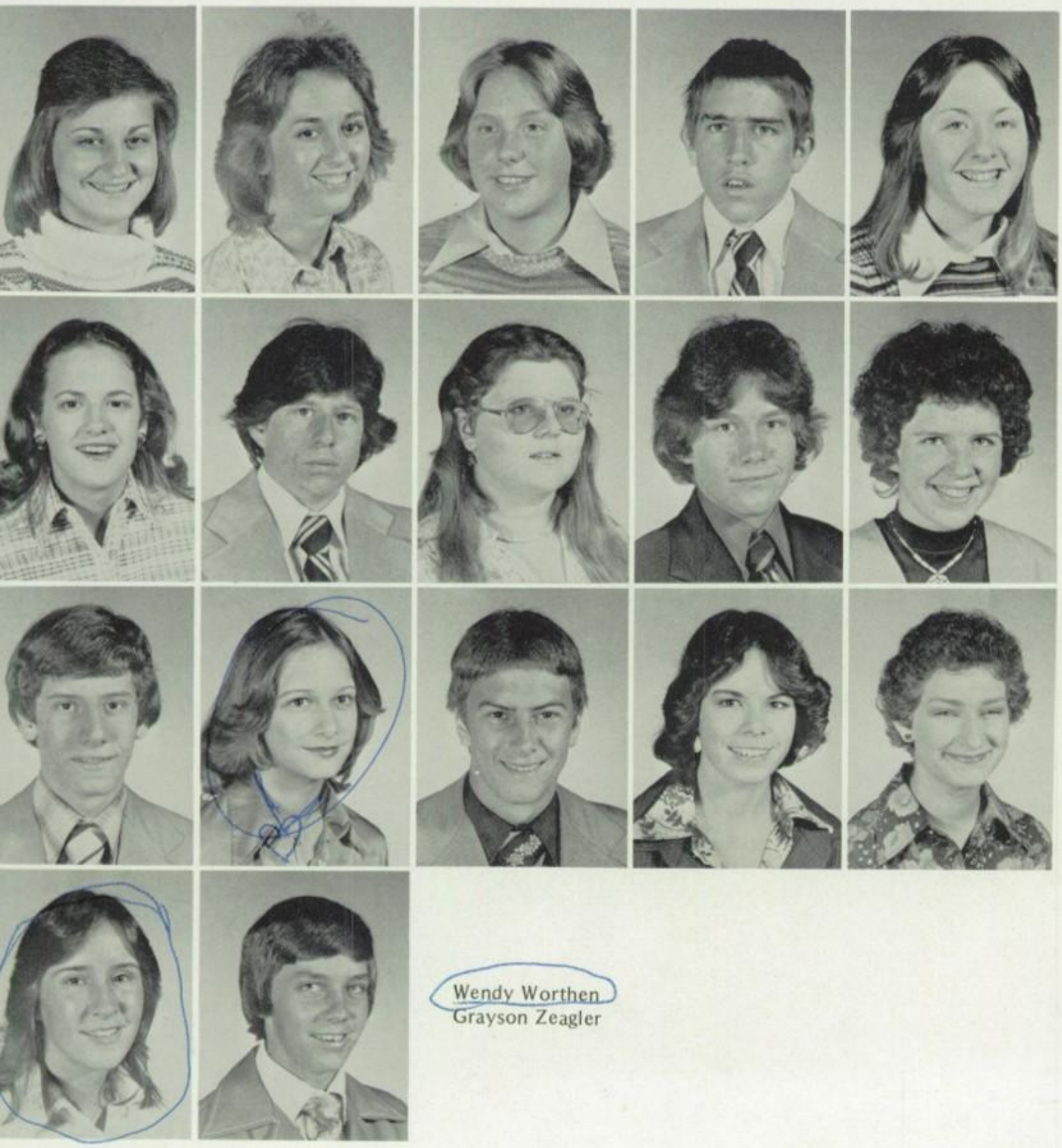
Stephen Brown
Rod Cascio
Lesli Cook
Lan Craft
Sharon Cruse

Andy Davidson
Mike Douglas
Paul Dulaney
Lisa Files
Janet Fleming



Jamie Fox
Leighanne Geisler
Richard Guerriero
Reace Harrison
Fran Jagoditch

for Senior Rings



Lynn Lassiter
Paige Ledoux
Kay Loflin
Bill Mahaffey
Dana Marrs

Leslie McCants
Bernard McKenzie
Angela McMillon
Joy Miller
Kurt Merriman

Mac Oakley
Dawn Rivers
Tommy Russell
Patti Savage
Monisa Thompson

Wendy Worthen
Grayson Zeagler

Juniors Plan Home Tour

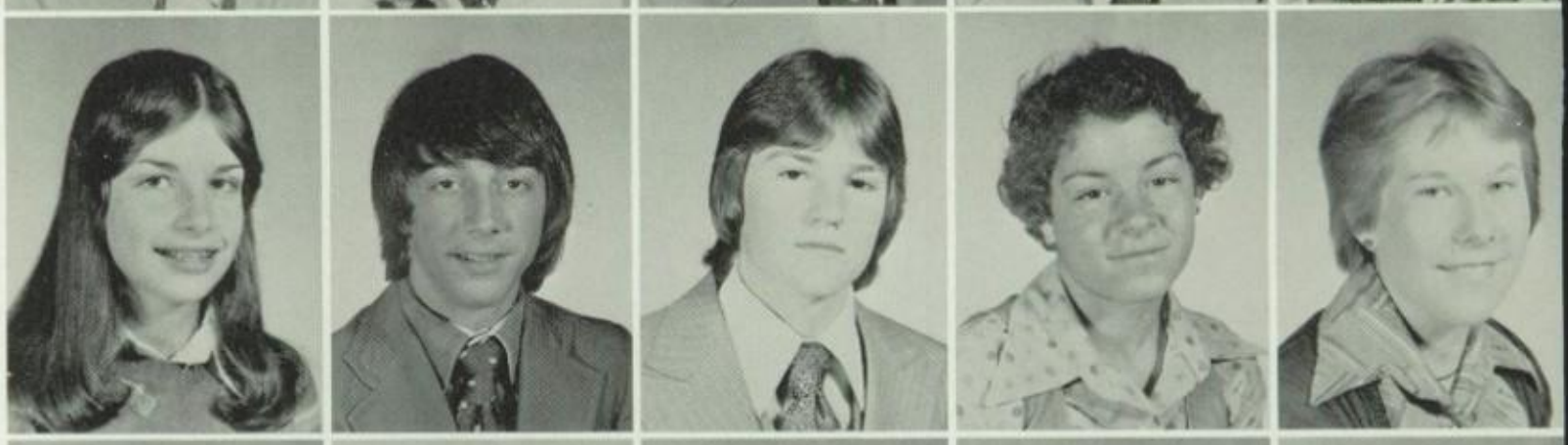
To raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom, the Junior Class originated the idea of House Tours held at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Mouk, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huenefeld, Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. Jack Tom Jackson. At each of the three homes, a contemporary theme, "A Home Spun Christmas," was exemplified, and through much hard work and diligence, the class made unique crafts to sell. Some of the handiwork included pine cone bird feeders, cotton ball wreaths, patchwork stockings, and spice ropes. The project was a tremendous success, and the juniors planned the best prom ever at River Oaks.

This page top left: Red and green ribbons hold Christmas balls above a mirror where Jane Adams welcomes guests. Top right: Picking cotton for their cotton ball wreaths are Kurt Merriman and Paige Ledoux. Bottom: Multi-colored Christmas balls decorate a huge white tree as Leighanne Geisler and Dawn Rivers take a break. Opposite page top left: Mil Bodron happily plays money-dealer while counting the junior profits. Top right: Even cotton pickers get to rest as exemplified by Bill Mahaffey, Kurt Merriman, Bernard McKenzie, Wendy Worthen, Leighanne Geisler, and Dawn Rivers. Bottom left: Lisa Beason and Monisa Thompson prepare pine cones for use in bird feeders. Bottom right: Patiently making a spice rope is Janet Fleming.

to Raise Money for Prom

Sophomores Stick Together Through Biology!

Bradley Adair
Ormond Altick
Jim Bell
Edel Blanks
Bonnie Brennen



Ellen Cole
Richard Deveny
Kevin Edwards
Betsy Ellis
Julie Gates

Stewart Gentry
Ceci Grant
Brooks Hamaker
Robert Keeling
Nancy Kelso

Kerry Kilpatrick
Woody Ledbetter
Karen Ledoux
Todd Mahaffey
Mickey Masur

Blanche Mattison
Ainslee McDonald
Anne Mesman
Liz Montgomery

Geometry, Themes, and Julius Caesar

Chip Norman
Terri Rosenberg
Elizabeth Sartor
Sallie Shafto
Catherine Shemwell

Colby Sheppard
Joe Simpson
Beverly Sloan
David Smith
Vernon Stevenson

Jeff Thackston
Lea Thompson
William Tosten
Tim Vines
Lisa Webster

Ford Williams
Tim Williams
Catherine Winters
Jim Woodridge
Bobbie Wyatt

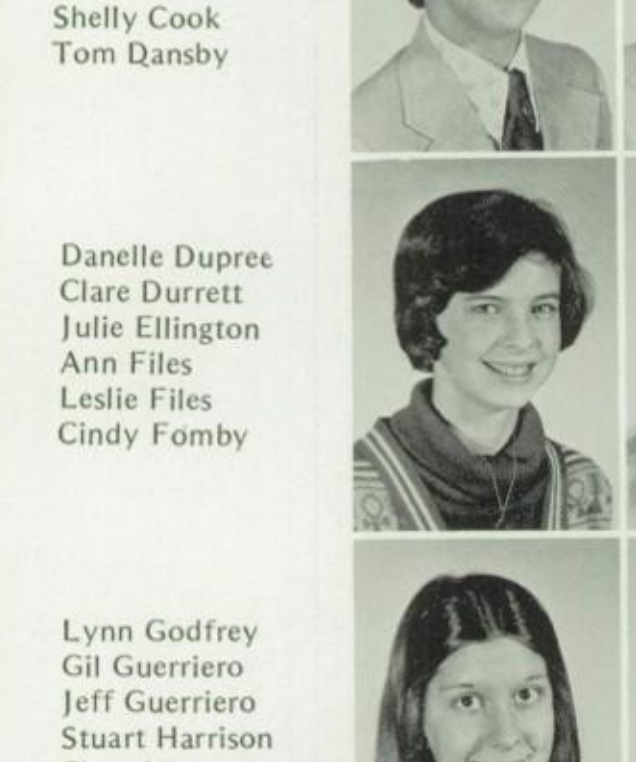
Freshmen Anticipate Getting Their Driver's Licenses

Brad Armintor
Bob Bell
Priscilla Brown
Leigh Ann Buller
Shelly Cook
Tom Dansby

Danelle Dupree
Clare Durrett
Julie Ellington
Ann Files
Leslie Files
Cindy Fomby

Lynn Godfrey
Gil Guerriero
Jeff Guerriero
Stuart Harrison
Cheryl Impson
Walt Ligon

Mike Linzel
Forrest McCarter
Marguerite Martin
Penny Masur
Dawn Mickey
Sally Mintz



Mignon Morse

Boyd Padgett

Gwen Parker
Clay Petrus
Jackie Petrus
Fred Petty
Melanie Pierron
Randy Pipes

Ray Rivers
Katherine Ryan
Ryan Sartor
Will Sartor
Louise Seymour
Ron Sloan

Ansel Smith
Billy Smith
Vikki Southern
Mary Stewart
Margo Tennis
Chuck Thackston

Kyle Thrasher
Libby Tirmenstein
Mary Walker
Missy Webb
Eric Worthen

Eighth Graders Identify With McDonald's,

Jennifer Abraugh
Kristen Anderson
Suzan Arnold
Norman Bagwell
Tish Bailey

Scott Bradford
Pat Brown
Stuart Brown
Mary Buffington
Todd Carter

Alison Choate
Linda Cudd
Tommy Curry
Kendra Daniels
Stephen Gates

Mary Flo Geisler
Kaye Guin
Tom Hamaker
Colleen Hammock
Paul Harrop

Todd Hindman
Lisa Illing
Ann Irby
Lee Jenkins

Needlecraft Class, and a Broken Window

Nancy Lary
Katherine Lauve
Scott Ledoux
Margaret Marshall
Naomi McCrocklin

Sally McGregor
Jay Miller
Ashley Mingledorff
Leigh Myrick
Kim Norman

Daran Reeves
Lori Rubin
Ron Shemwell
Roy Shotwell
Gay Southern

Shannon Spooner
Beth Stewart
Pete Trinca
Andrea Weaks
Kelly White

Rene Winegeart
Stephens Winters
Marcia Wolff
Morgan Wyatt

Junior High Is a New

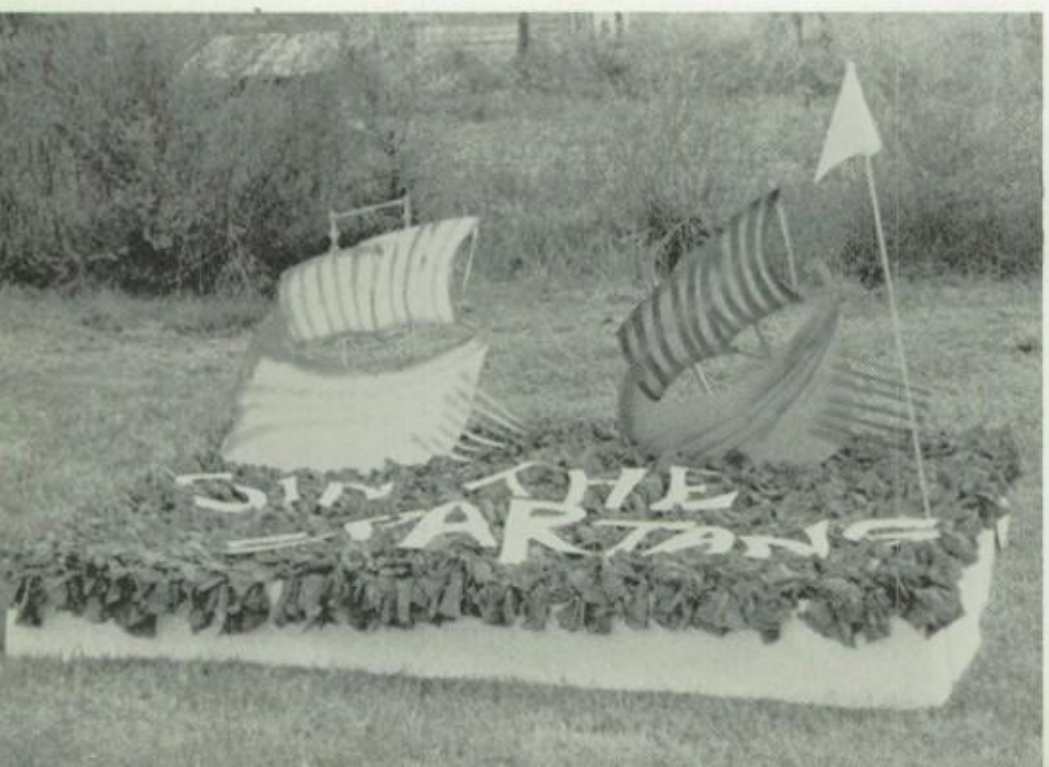
Kevin Adams
Virginia Armstrong
Jana Brockman
Laurie Brown
Caroline Carter

Lisa Davidson
Brenda Douglas
Cara Gates
Stephen Harrison
Martha Hayden

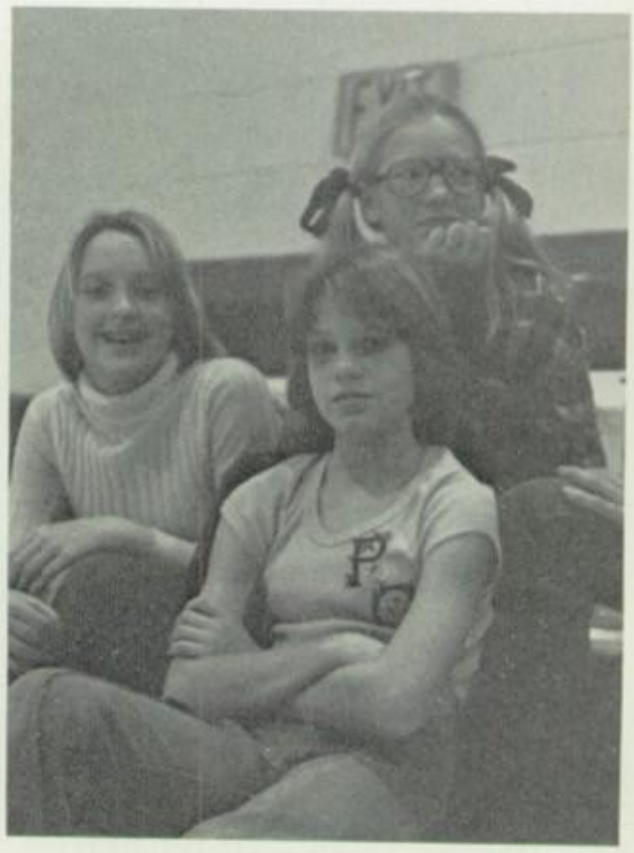
Frederick Huenefeld
Pam Johananoff
Elizabeth Johnston
Charlie Jones
Nancy King

Kendall Lanningham
Mary Lauve
Beverly Lingle
Allison Lolley
Suzanne Mahaffey

Sarah Martin
Troy McCullen
Lindy McMickle



Dimension for Seventh Grade



Jimmy Miller
Shelly Mulhearn
Cole Padgett
Carrie Peters
Laura Petty

Krista Ray
Charles Rosamond
Coleman Rowland
Tanya Sallee
Thomas Sartor

Caran Schmidt
Wes Shafto
Polly Shotwell
Karen Smith
Mike Stinson

Marie Tennis
Rosemary Upshaw
Maurie Walker
Mauri Willis
Heather Woods

6th Grade Keeps Spirit High

Julie Abraugh
Brett Armintor
Jon Bradford
Harris Brown
Joey Cleveland

Nan Cox
Lauren Crowe
Blair Cudd
Dickie Culpepper
Michael Cummings

Sharon Funderburk
Ann Harrop
Susan Illing
Vaughn Landry
Shep Montgomery

Cheryl Parker
Melissa Parker
Robin Rivers
Walter Sartor
EfAnne Surratt

Ann Elizabeth Ware
Charles Whitaker

5th Grade Boasts Biggest Class

Cynthia Bailey
Sophia Blanks
Cindy Bradley
Sally Bunch
Jennifer Carlton
Carolyn Cox
Jim Culpepper

Ron Cupples
Jay Davis
Kim Deveny
Travis Edwards
Billy Ellis
Susan Gates
Justin Guerriero

Julie Johnson
Suzie Keeling
Robin Kilpatrick
Amy King
Jessica Kleppinger
Clay Lassiter
Julie Laudenheimer

Joby Ledoux
Jack McCants
Johnny Miller
Carter Mills
John Mitchell
Doug Norman
Leslie Petrus

Scott Phillips
Neville Shafto
Rob Stewart
Clint Thompson
Lesley Trinca
David Vines
Jon Ward

Chardelle Weaks

4th Grade Enjoys the New Building

Anne Birdsong
Wes Brockman
Jaime Cook
Hallie Cleveland
Nancy Files
Lewis Harrison

Mike Hightower
Robin Irwin
Debbie Keeling
Trey Kelso
Stewart McMickle
Wesley Pipes

Lee Stephens
Ellen Schmidt
Paul Tennis
Kim Thrasher
Kristin Trinca
Brian Turner

Amanda Winters
Caroline Winters

3rd Grade Practices the Three "R's"

Tammy Armstrong
Holly Bunch
Patricia Cox
Amanda Cudd
Michelle Cummings
Jeff Davis

Suzy Ellis
Richard Ethridge
Michael Garner
Timothy Gates
Jaime Guerriero
Will Hamaker

Karl Harrop
Jesse Heard
Shannon Hindmon
Beth Jones
Laura Kilpatrick
Carol Lanningham

Mark Mayo
Jeffrey McKeithen
Danny McMillon
Cobb Morgan
Butch Mulhearn
Amy Petrus

Sammy Sumner
Greg Yocom

2nd Grade Is Always "Rough and Ready"

Greg Chastain
John Cleveland
Chris Culpepper
Beverly Edwards
Becky Fuller

Todd Irwin
Lynn Jenkins
Michelle John
Jack Johnson
John Loftin

Trevor McClanahan
Scott McMickel
Marianna Mitchell
Lisa Phillips
Cole Smelser

Chelsea Spooner
Ellen Stephens
Bret Tannehill
Robbie Tirmenstein
Henry Weaks

1st Grade Experiences a New World

Melissa Aron
Alison Boykin
Deena Chardkoff
Angel Choate
Tracy Cobb

Jennifer Garner
Jennifer George
Kevin Hurley
Jim Loftin
Megan McClanahan

Breck McCullen
Sean Miller
Mary Laurens Montgomery
Cindy Seymour
Ashley Schmidt

Kimberly Smith
Fran Sumner
Jeff Tannehill
Missy Turner
Stan Wooldridge

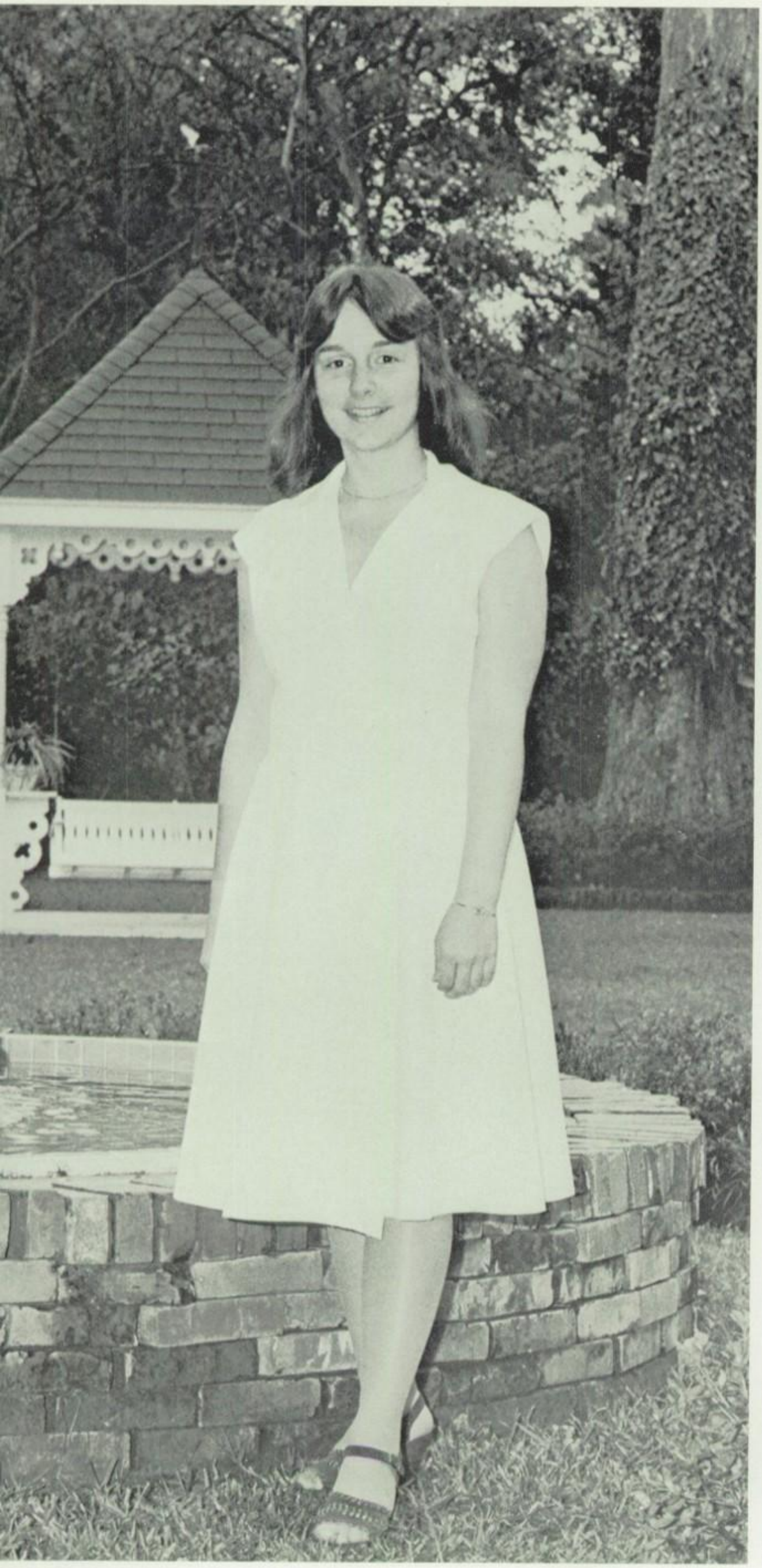
PERSONALITIES

Mr. River Oaks

Mike Easterling

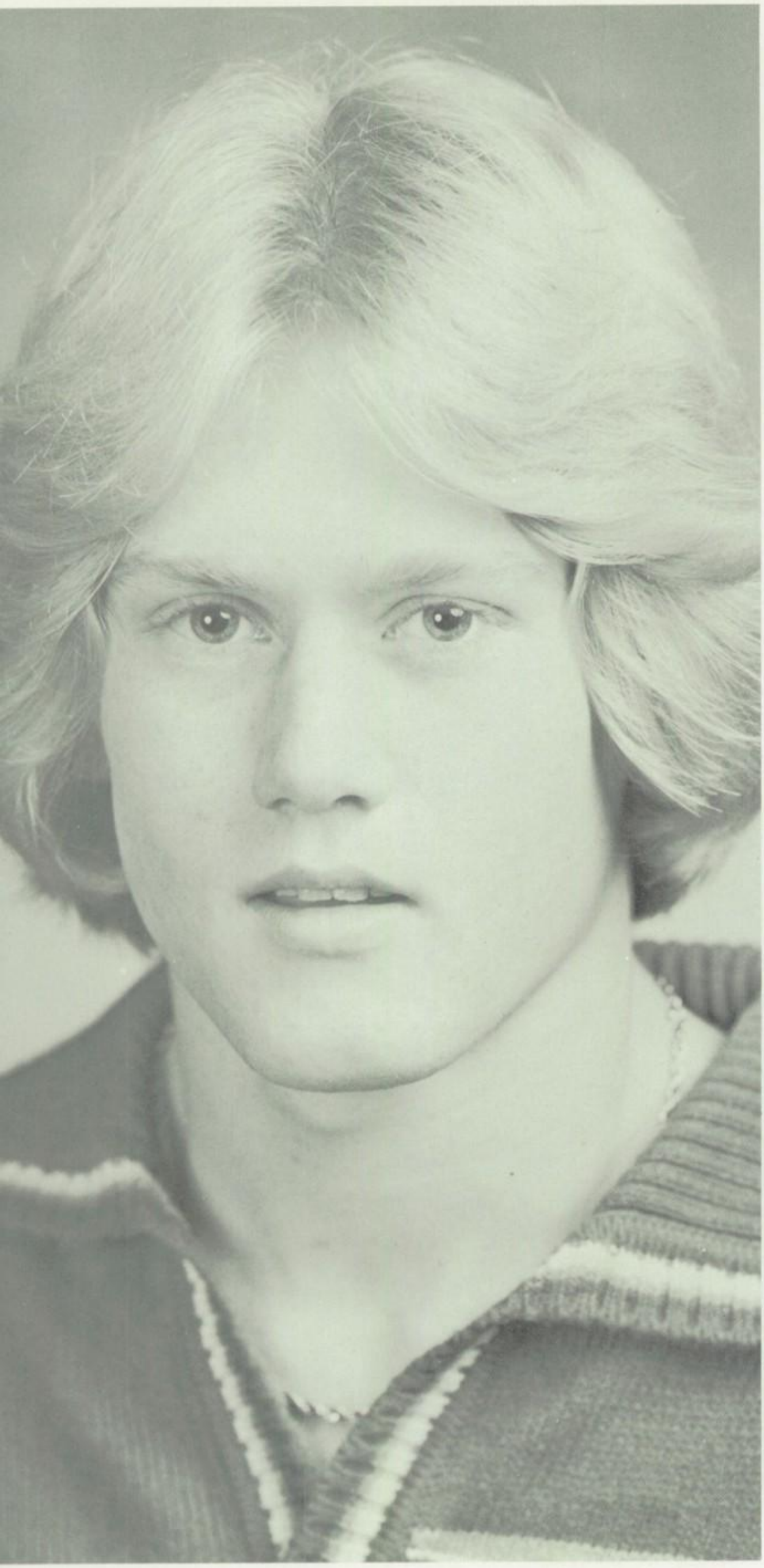
Miss River Oaks

Stephanie Dorroh



Beauty

Anne Desha



Most Handsome

Donald Reeves

Most Likely to Succeed

Larry Walker

Stacy McCrocklin

Most Talented

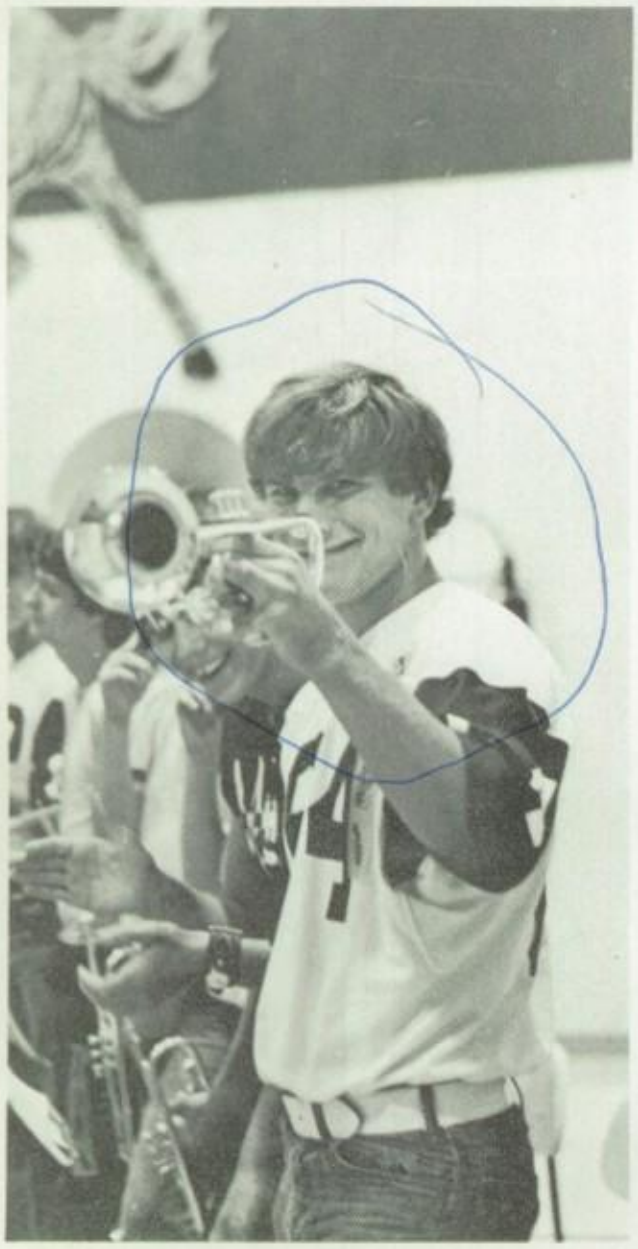
Scott Brandle

Donese Worden

Friendliest

Brenda George

Mark Ulrich



Most Athletic

Donald Reeves

Most School Spirit

Martha Winters

Junior Favorites
Dawn Rivers
Lan Craft

Sophomore Favorites

Elizabeth Sartor

Tim Williams

Freshman Favorites

Leslie Files

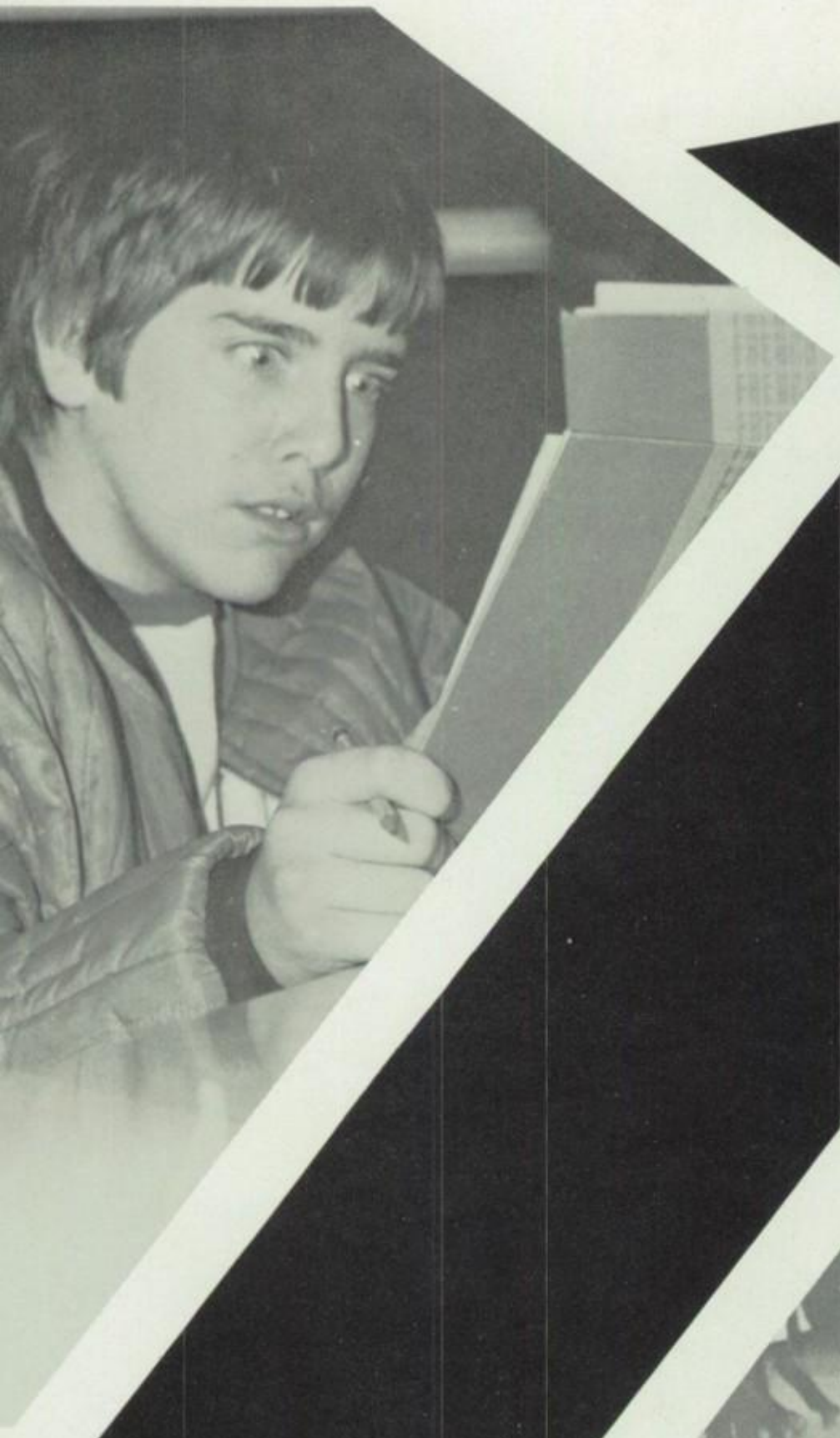
Mike Linzel

Junior High Favorites

Thomas Sartor
Jana Brockman

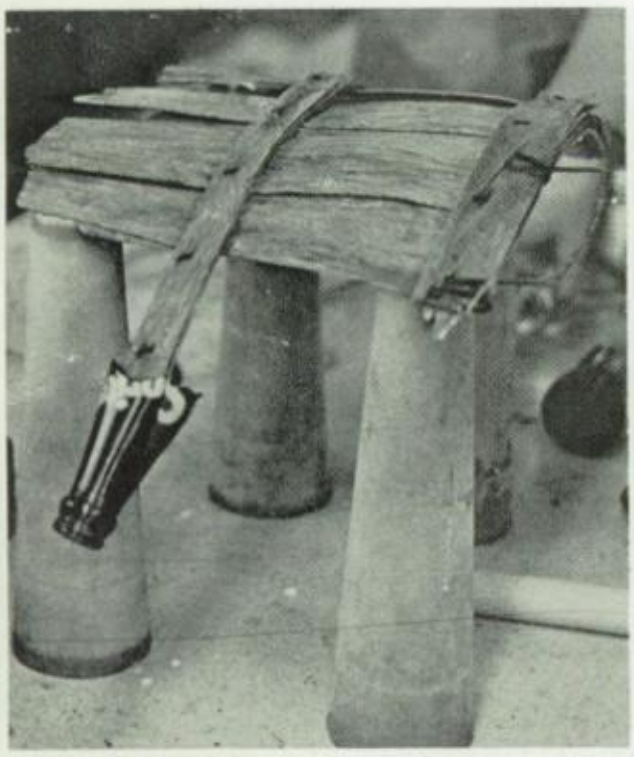
Morgan Wyatt
Daran Reeves

NEW
DIMENSIONS



ORGANIZATIONS

Bottom: Mark Addison, Jeff McBride, Andy Davidson, Roy Wall, Kurt Merriman, Karen Ledoux, Jane Adams, Sally Mintz, Ms. Stueart, Mar Roberson, Susan Hudson, Royce Deveny, Fran Jagoditsch, Todd Brown, Dorothy Sartor, Mil Bodron, Scott Brown. Second row: Dawn River Brenda George, Randy Wells. Third row: Claire Durrett, Scott Anderson, Sharon Cruse, Shelley Cook, Lesli Cook, Martha Winters, Forres McCarter, Leighanne Geisler, Scott Brandle, Steffie Dorroh, Randy Gilley, Wendy Worthen, Kay Loflin, Lisa Files. Fourth row: Kevin Edward Donald Jones, Bradley Adair, Bo Godfrey, Terry Culver, Donald Reeves, Tommy Russell, Tom Tosten. Top: Elizabeth Cookston, Lyn Lassiter, Ryan Sartor, Eric Worthen, Woody Ledbetter, Boyd Padgett.



Creativity Is Synonymous With Art Club

The art club started the school year by the election of Mary Roberson as president. Other officers elected were Bo Godfrey, Scott Anderson, Dawn Rivers, and Kay Loflin.

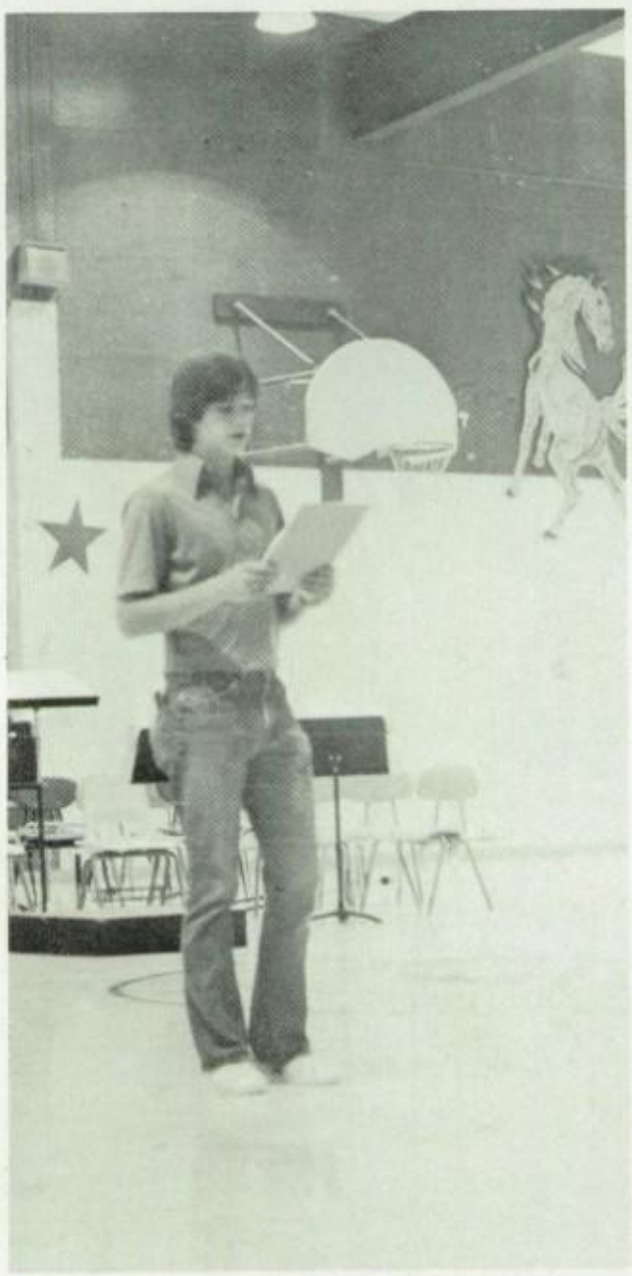
Bake sales were held throughout the school year so that the club could purchase a set of art prints for the classroom. Also, an annual party was held for members.

Membership in the art club is restricted to students who take art or have taken art in the past year.

Top left: The entire art club poses on a White Freightliner. Top right: Serving as Art Club officers are (bottom row) Bo Godfrey, vice-president; Ms. Stueart, sponsor; Scott Anderson, party chairman; (middle) Kay Loflin, sec.-treasurer; Dawn Rivers, party chairman; (top) Mary Roberson, president. Bottom far left: Sculpture was a popular project during December. Bottom right center: Kay Loflin works with charcoal. Bottom right: Gathered around the "Blue Toot" are Ms. Stueart, Ryan Sartor, and Troy Watters. Above: Numerous art club members enjoy break and sunshine.

Grinch, Rally Are Speech Club Projects

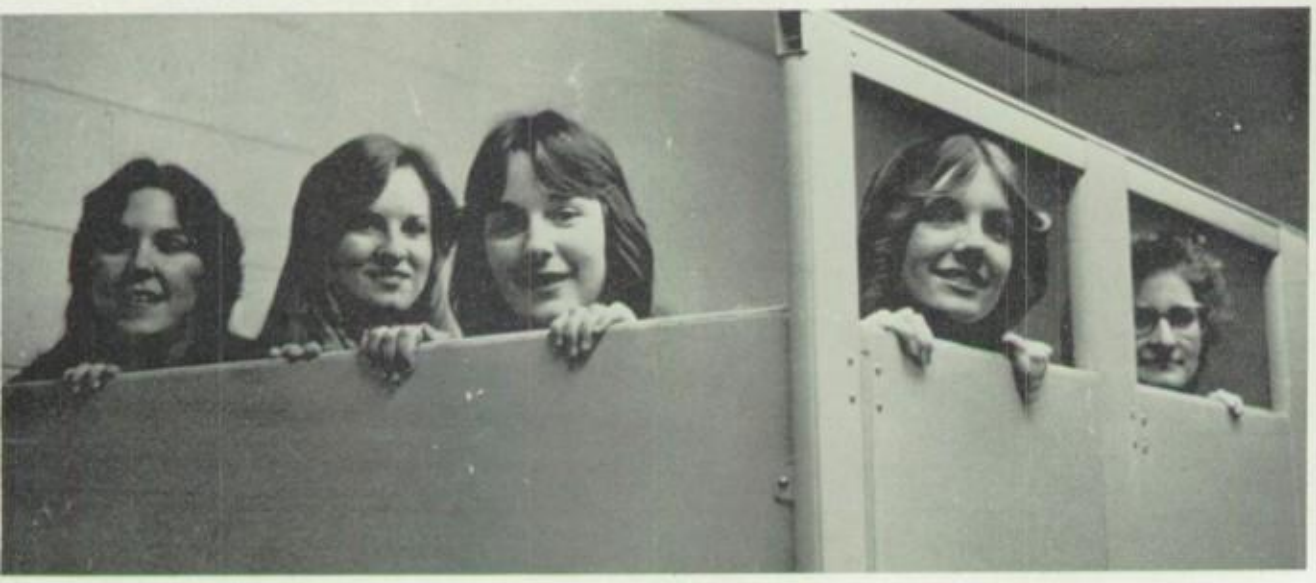
Mrs. Sybil Lefebvre's organization and leadership magically transformed the Speech Club into an active, hard-working group. Throughout the year, radio and t. v. personalities appeared at club meetings. For Christmas, the speech department presented several dramatic readings and HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS. Several members participated in forensic tournaments around the area. At the NLU Rally, Donese Worden won 3rd in t. v.; Steffie Dorroh made radio finals; and Susan Anderson, humorous interp. semi-finals. In the LISA State Rally, the Dorroh–Worden dramatic duet-acting team took 1st; Susan Anderson won 1st in humorous interp., as did Steffie Dorroh in after-dinner speaking. Donese Worden and William Tosten won 3rd in humorous duet-acting, and Brenda George and Susan Anderson advanced to semi-finals in humorous duet. Steffie made semis in poetry, and Donese, finals in dramatic interp. Also participating were Morris Inabnet, Brooks Hamaker, and Ceci Grant.



This page top: Taking a wardrobe check are officers Steffie Dorroh, pres.; Martha Winters, vice president; Scott Brandle, sec.; Lisa Files, treasurer; Donese Worden, program chairman; Mrs. Lefebvre. Center: Morris Inabnet m. c.'s a program; Steffie Dorroh practices her after-dinner speaking. Bottom: Acting like a "Charlie's Angel" is Anne Desha. Opposite top: Speech Club takes five. Bottom: William Tosten and Donese Worden perform "Barefoot in the Park." Putting her speech experience to use in an assembly skit is Martha Winters.

Mrs. Lefebvre, Tim Vines, Suzette Boozer, Tom Tosten, Edwin Craft, Scott Anderson, Scott Brandle, Steffie Dorroh, Bill Loftin, Donese Worden, Susan Anderson, Brenda George, Wendy Worthen, Leslie McCants, Randy Gilley, Lisa Files, Morris Inabnet, Anne Desha, Lan Craft, Martha Winters, Brooks Hamaker, Susan Hudson, Bonnie Brennen, Ceci Grant.

Row 1, bottom: Mary Roberson, Bill Loftin (driving), Shirley Hakim, Monisa Thompson, Tom Tosten, Herbert Hobgood. Row 2: (middle) Edward Brennen, Troy Watters, Terry Culver, Stephanie Dorroh, Donese Worden, Susan Hudson, Suzette Boozer. Row 3: (back) Bo Godfrey, Donald Reeves, Brenda George, Lisa Kelso, Tracie Mayo.



Silver Spur Wins At Camp

The journalism department included the SILVER SPUR and PONY EXPRESS staffs, coordinated by Mrs. Donna Underwood.

THE SILVER SPUR, edited by senior Steffie Dorroh, worked endlessly to produce an outstanding yearbook for the students at River Oaks. Section editors were Susan Anderson, sports; Brenda George, clubs; Suzette Boozer, activities; Monisa Thompson, people; Anne Desha, personalities. New student Tracie Mayo helped with production.

Photographers Mil Bodron and Scott Ledoux were aided by Mary Roberson and Randy Wells.

Steffie Dorroh, Anne Desha, Suzette Boozer, Brenda George, and Mil Bodron attended the Henington Publishing Company summer workshop in Hammond, where they received a trophy for best division page. Some staff members also attended a Taylor workshop at NLU during the fall and spring semesters.

The PONY EXPRESS issued a paper monthly, featuring news and features about all phases of R. O. Typing played an important part of the EXPRESS, typists included Sharon Cruse, Lisa Kelso, Donese Worden, Monisa Thompson, and Shirley Hakim.

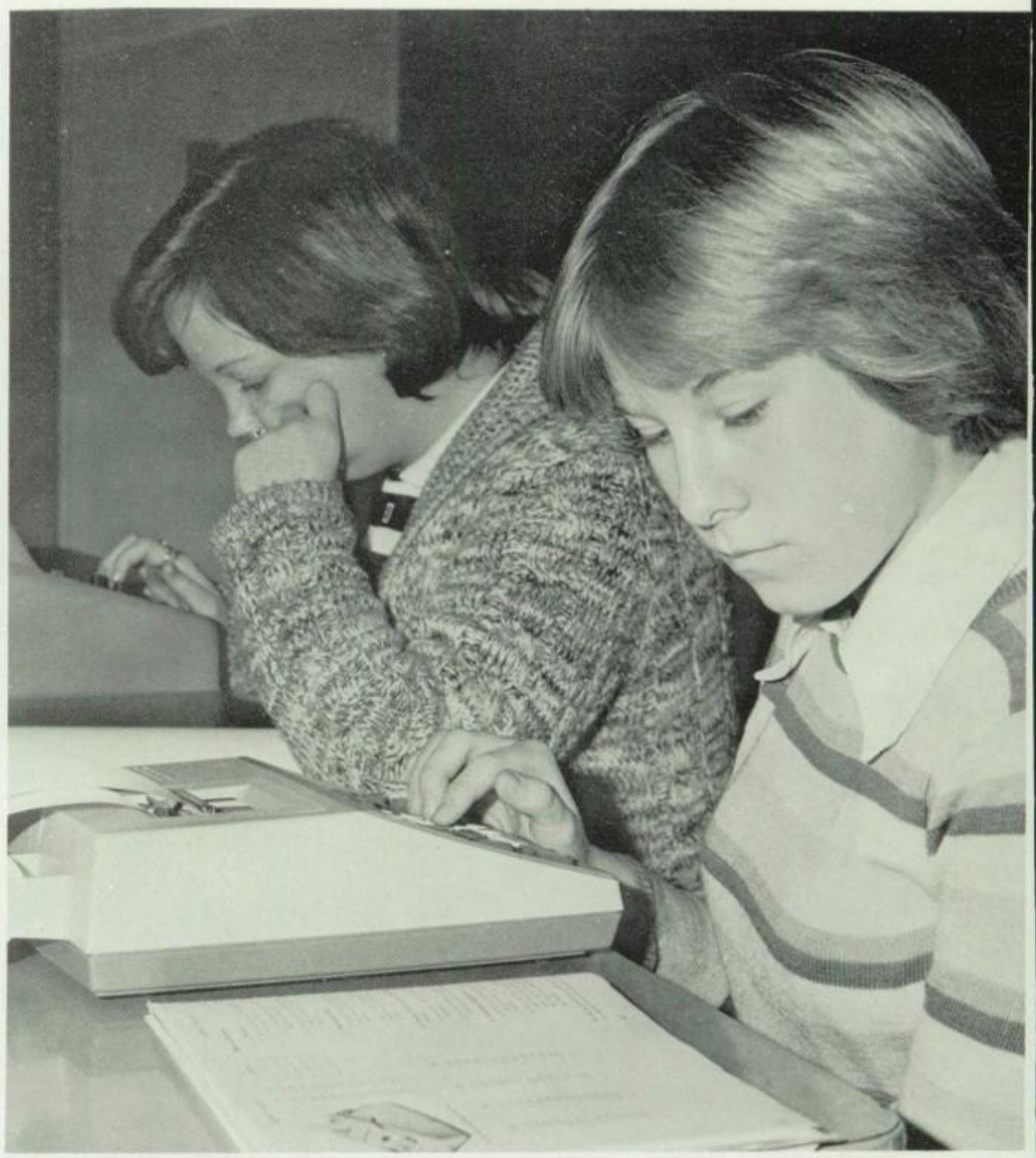
This page top: Mil Bodron and Scott Ledoux play creative photographer. Center left: Dorothy Sartor re-write an article for the PONY EXPRESS. Right: Doing a lay out are Monisa Thompson, Suzette Boozer, and Donese Worden. Above: Mrs. Donna Underwood's expert organization makes R. O. journalism staffs superior. Bottom: Exhibiting their unusual creativity are editors Brenda George, Suzette Boozer, Steffie Dorroh, Susan Anderson, Monisa Thompson. Opposite page left: Steffie Dorroh places pictures on a Tri-pak sheet. Right: Journalism department "Has a better idea" for their group picture. Bottom left: Mary Roberson draws a division page. Right: Typing copy are Sharon Cruse, Lisa Kelso, and Shirley Hakim.

Business Club Purchases Calculator

The River Oaks Business Club, organized September 11, 1972, promotes an interest in and an understanding of the business world and encourages each member to attain a higher level of citizenship, leadership, and services.

This year the club, sponsored by Mrs. Ellen Boatright, held regularly scheduled meetings during which representatives of the business world discussed various fields of work. Dr. Franklin H. Dye, champion speed typist, was one of the speakers who entertained the club.

At the time of organization, the club's main project was to save enough from year to year for a contribution toward the purchase of a calculator for the business department. This long-range project was completed this year in the purchase of an electronic printing calculator.



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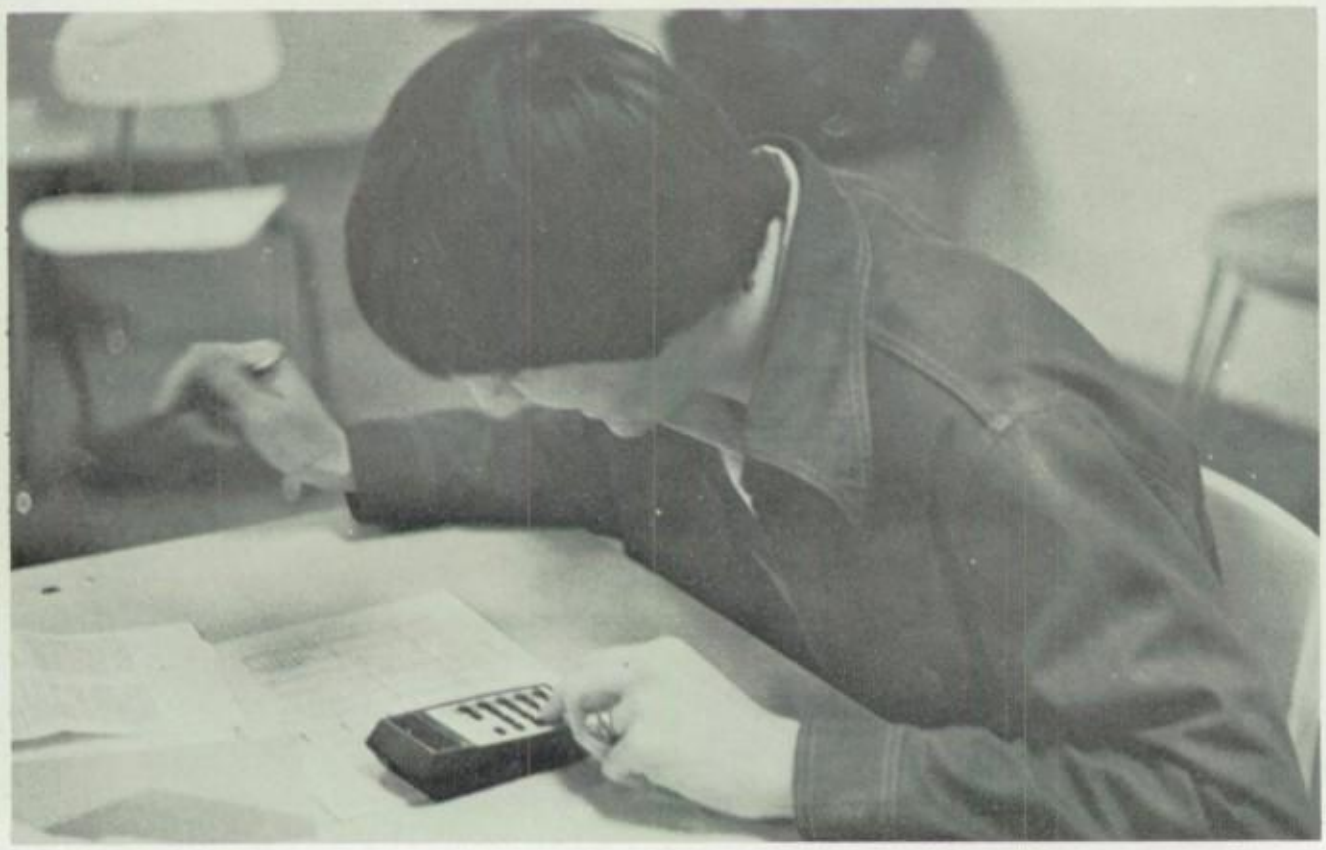
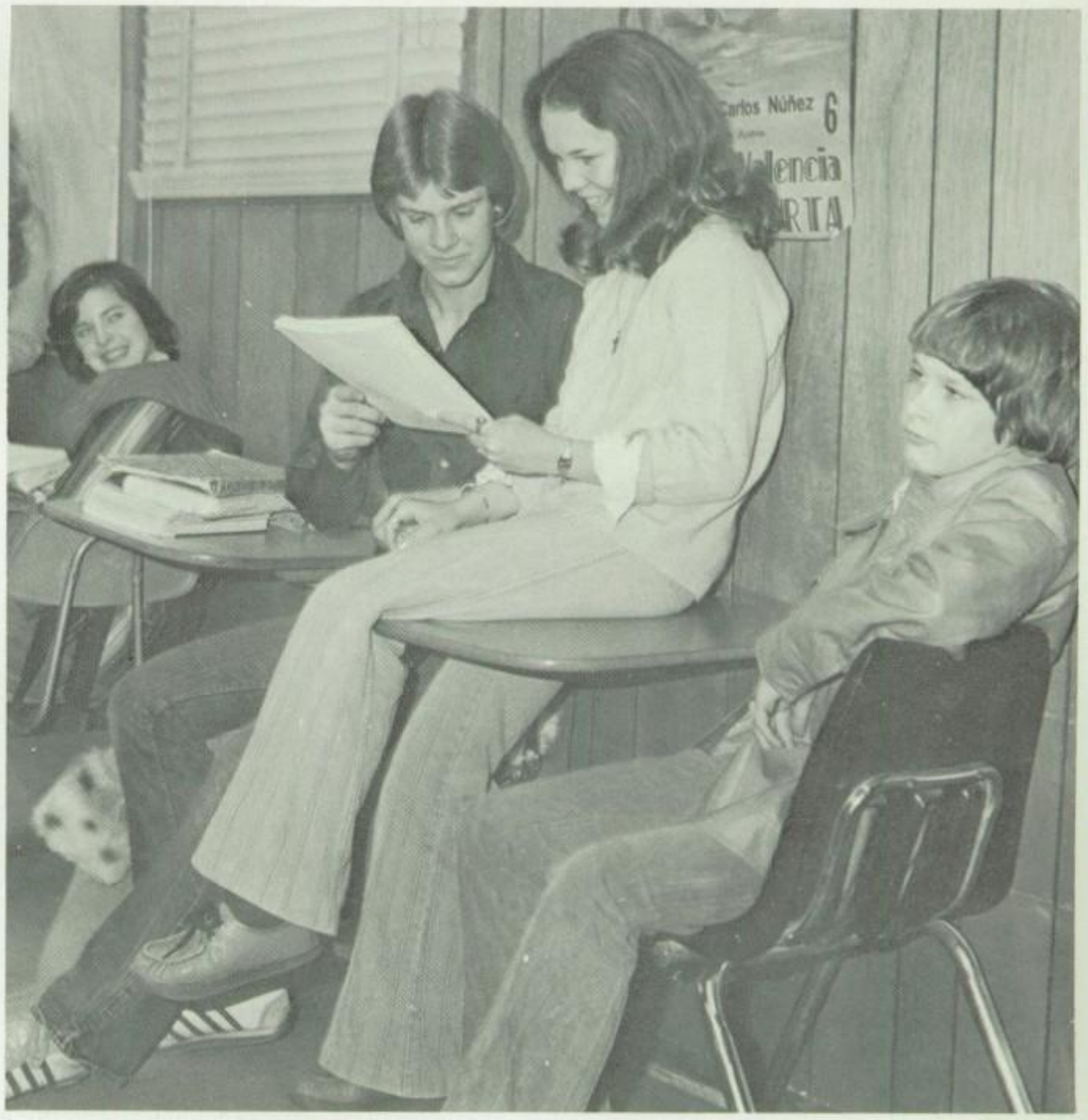


Opposite page top: Julie Gates and Rookh Brothers use the calculators. This page top: Officers Susan Anderson, secretary; Mrs. Boatright, sponsor; Edwin Craft, president; Morris Inabnet, vice president discuss plans. Top right: Edwin Craft welcomes a guest speaker. Center: Typing are Richard Crowe and Dawn Rivers. Bottom: Accounting homework occupies Lee Webster. Above: Brenda George, treasurer, takes out her frustrations on a typewriter.

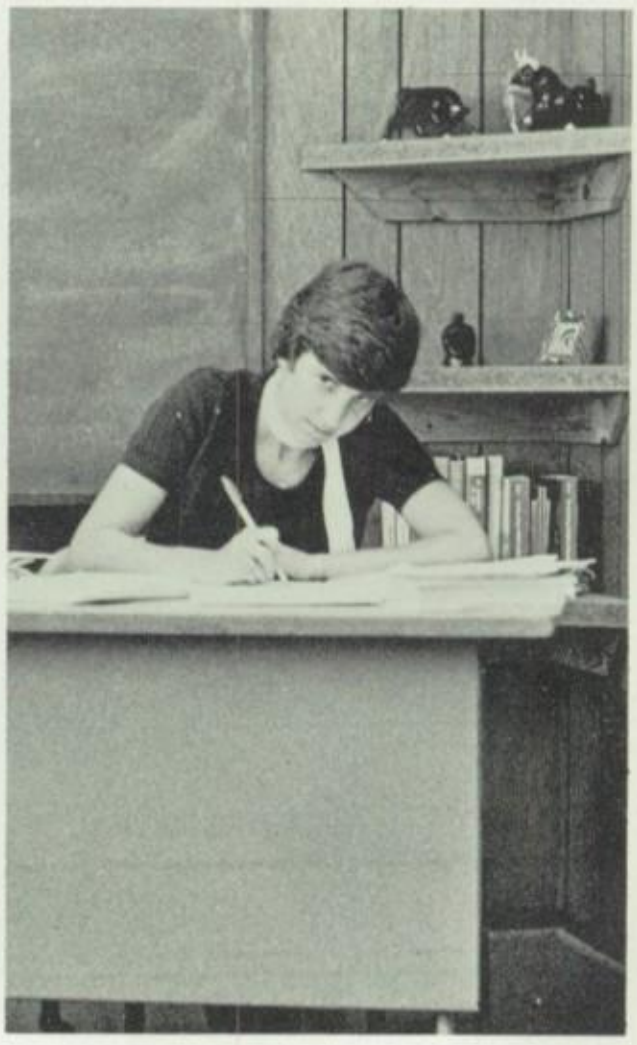
Row 1: Lea Thompson, Ellen Cole, Danelle Dupree, Ray Rivers, Martha Winters, Susan Anderson, Lisa Kelso, Morris Inabnet, Paige Ledoux, Mrs. Huber, Patti Savage, Shirley Hakim. Row 2: Ormond Altick, Elizabeth Sartor, Betsy Ellis, Bobbie Wyatt, Bonnie Brennen, Suzette Boozer, Anne Desha, Donese Worden, Susan Hudson, Mac Oakley, Larry Walker, Chuck Tackston, Billy Smith. Row 3: Melanie Pierron, Libby Tirmenstein, Wendy Worthen, Richard Crowe, Scott Anderson, Andy Davidson, Lynn Lassiter, Tim Williams, Kevin Edwards, Joy Miller, Rod Cascio.



Spanish Club Eats Tacos, Dances Tango

The Spanish Club, sponsored by Mrs. Cinda Huber, held regular meetings featuring guest speakers or programs by club members related to the study of all Spanish-speaking countries. In addition to the comprehension of the language, the club studied the differences in the cultures of Spanish countries.

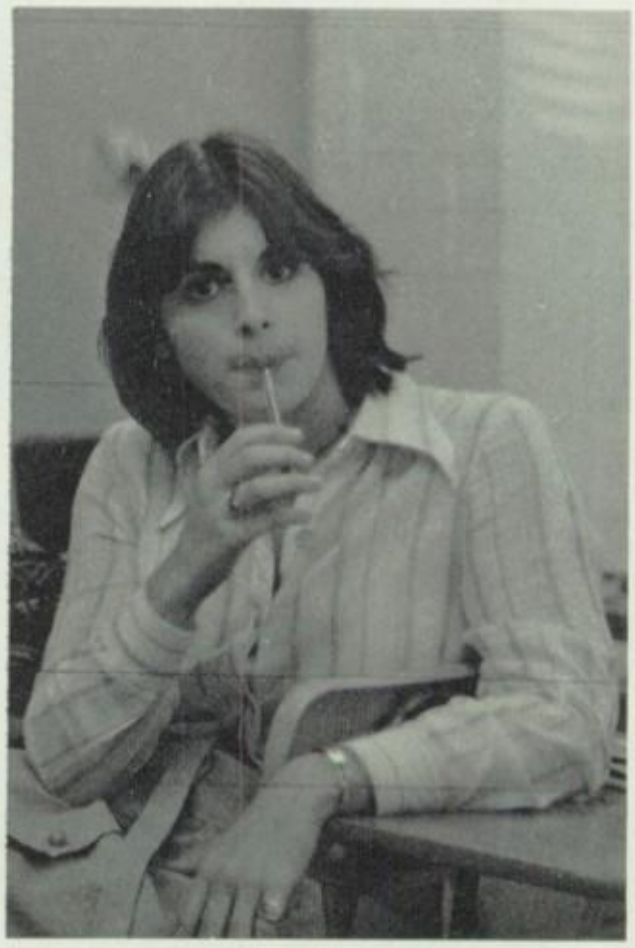
Opposite page top: Utilizing the tennis courts, the Spanish Club poses for a group picture. Bottom left: Tim Williams drinks a coke. Bottom right: Melanie Pierron, Danelle Dupree, Mike Linzel, Donese Worden, and Ray Rivers communicate in Spanish I. This page top: Playing on the monkey bars are officers Richard Crowe, sergeant-at-arms; Scott Anderson, president; Mrs. Huber, sponsor; Martha Winters, vice-president; Anne Desha, secretary-treasurer; Susan Anderson, program chairman. Bottom left: Clay Petrus and Mike Linzel study Espanol. Bottom right: Writing Spanish vocabulary are Melanie Pierron and Danelle Dupree. Above: Mrs. Huber looks doubtfully at her Spanish II class.



French Club Celebrates the Mardi Gras

In order to purchase supplies for the French classes, the R. O. French Club sponsored several fund-raising projects. Sponsored by Mrs. Joan Chardkoff, the club enjoyed a crepe/ice cream party at Christmas, a feis do-do at Mardi Gras, a spring party, and the annual final banquet.

This page top: "Trucking it." are the officers Melanie Buller, V. P.; Bear Ulrich, sergeant-at-arms; Lynda Simpson, secretary; Brenda George, treasurer; Mrs. Chardkoff, sponsor; Dawn Rivers, president. Above: Dawn Rivers samples the crepes during the Christmas party. Bottom left: Todd Mahaffey listens to a proper pronunciation. Bottom left: Listening to correct French are Jeff Thackson and Will Sartor. Opposite page top left: Smiles are the universal language as Liz Montgomery, Marguerite Martin, Kerry Kilpatrick, Lisa Webster, and Blanche Mattison demonstrate. Top right: Lynda Simpson has a brief moment alone during a meeting.



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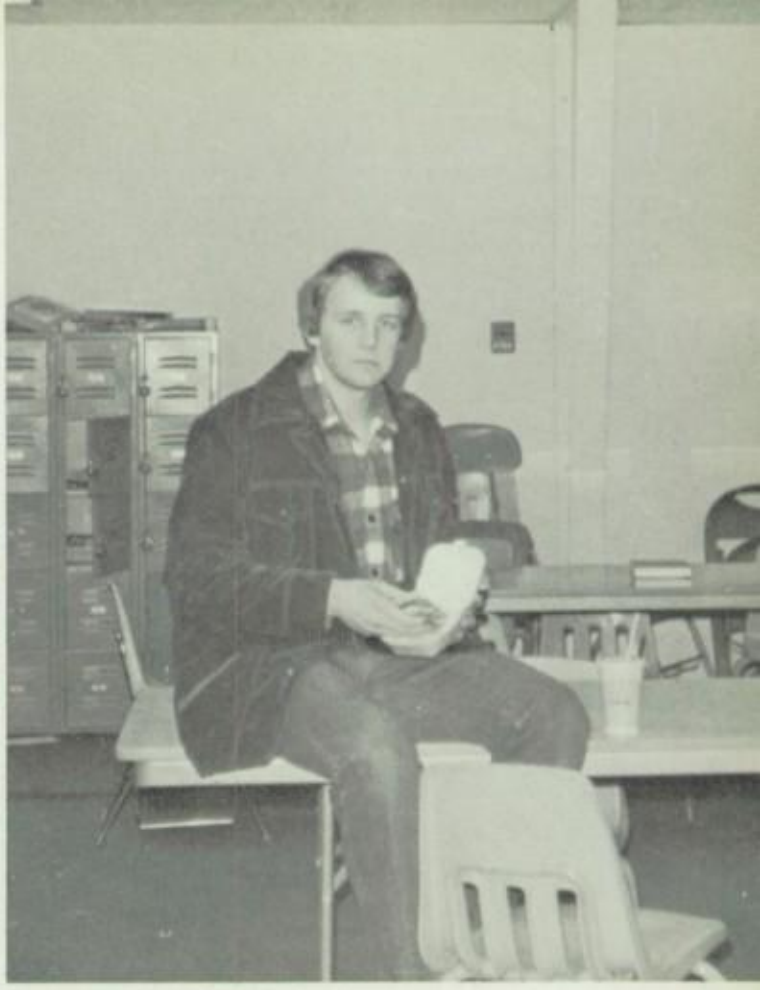
Interact Buys RO Press Box

The Interact Club, sponsored by the Monroe Rotary Club, is a service organization to the school and community. Projects for the 1976-77 school year included an auction of new members and sweethearts and a raffle for a clock radio.

The money was used when Mustang Stadium received its first press box thanks to River Oaks' Interact Club.

The club, whose faculty sponsor was Mr. Vernon Legget, held its New Year's eve party at Kay Loflin's home.

This page top: Interact poses for a group shot. Bottom: Lounging in the new press box are Troy Watters, Edwin Craft, Bo Godfrey, and Edward Brennen. Opposite page top left: Susan Hudson, Susan Anderson, Dawn Rivers, Lynn Godfrey, Lea Thompson, and Lisa Files served as the 1976-77 sweethearts. Top right: Eating French fries is Roy Wall. Center left: Candidly discussing business during a meeting are Bear Ulrich, Will Sartor, Eric Worthen, Mike Easterling, Bo Godfrey, and Tommy Clay. Center right: Bernard McKenzie and Scott Anderson view a pep assembly. Bottom: All projects are the work of the Interact officers—Scott Anderson, party-chairman; Mike Easterling, sergeant-at-arms; Scott Brandle, secretary; Donald Reeves, president; Edwin Craft, treasurer; Bernard McKenzie, v.p.; Richard Crowe, sergeant-at-arms: Mr. Leggett, sponsor.



Key Club Gets Fired Up

Building an active organization was the Key Club's main concern for 1977. Among the numerous activities planned were several sweetheart parties, participation in the Mardi Gras Ball, and a trip to Cheminahaut State Park.

Several changes occurred within the club during the year. Mr. Al Blackwell became the new club sponsor. After Martha Winters graduated at mid-term, Stephanie Dorroh was elected sweetheart to serve with Brenda George, Wendy Worthen, Katherine Ryan, and Liz Montgomery.

Row 1: Ansel Smith, Tim Vines, Jamie Fox, Mark Addison, Lamar Rogers, Brenda George, Tom Tosten, David Smith, Martha Winters, Wendy Worthen, Liz Montgomery, Katherine Ryan, Mr. Blackwell. Row 2: Robert Keeling, Richard Guerriero, Larry Walker, Jon Somsen, Bill Loftin, Brad Armintor. Row 3: (top) Bob Bell, Jim Bell, Edel Blanks, Gerald Gates, Randy Wells, Herbert Hobgood, Jeff Thackston, Stewart Gentry, Ford Williams. This page: (top) Arranged before a parish fire truck are (front) Jim Bell, secretary; Mil Bodron, treasurer; Ansel Smith, freshmen representative Jamie Fox, president; Mr. Blackwell, sponsor; (back) Mark Addison, senior representative; Richard Gurerriero, junior representative; Lamar Rogers, vice-president; Edel Blanks, sophomore representative. Center left: Planning the Mardi Gras activities are various Kay Club members. Tim Vines, Gerald Gates, Ansel Smith, Randy Wells, and Larry Walker. Center right: Steffie Dorroh smiles at the idea of being a sweetheart. Bottom: Ansel Smith, Mr. Blackwell, Lamar Rogers, and Larry Walker discuss serious business. Opposite page: (top) "Registering" as sweethearts are Brenda George, Martha Winters, Katherine Ryan, Wendy Worthen, and Liz Montgomery. Bottom: Key Club rides a firetruck.

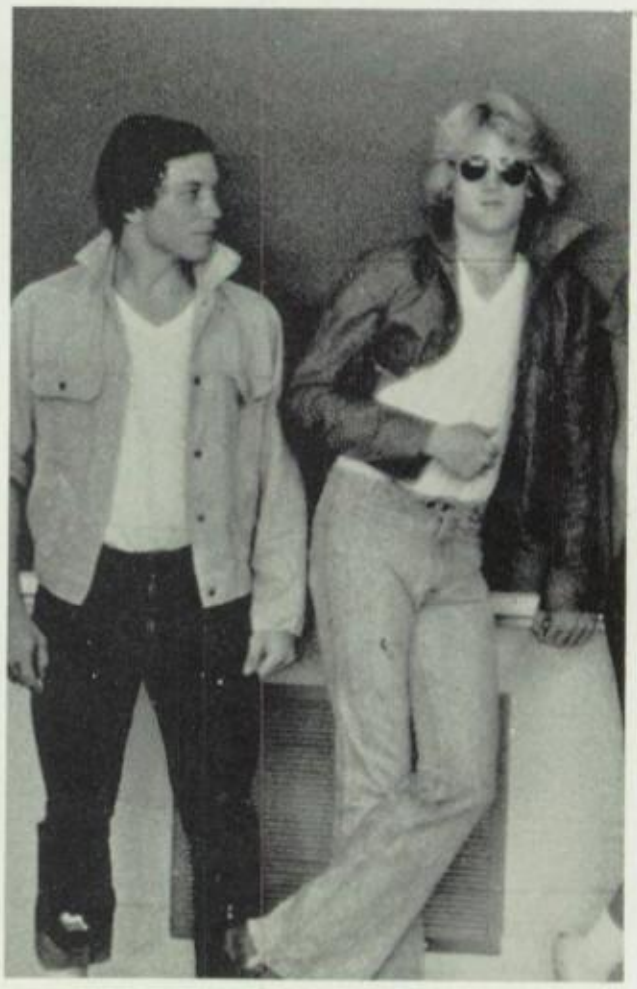
New Additions Made by R. O. Student Council

The River Oaks Student Council of 1976-77, consisting of 33 assiduous members and faculty sponsor, Mr. Walter Dunn, set a goal for the year and completed it in the spring. Elected officers Stacy McCrocklin, president; Mike Easterling, vice-president; and Lisa Kelso, secretary-treasurer, with the council, purchased letters to designate the gymnasium as The Harry Bell Memorial Gymnasium.

The council started, what they hope will become a tradition, the first River Oaks Mardi Gras Ball. A king and queen and their court were elected by the council from club representatives. Selling ice cream was continued from last year, and this proved to be a lucrative money-making project. Also, the council sent Christmas cards to faculty and staff members.

With the resignation of Stacy McCrocklin as president at mid-term, Mark Ulrich was elected as a mid-year vice-president. Mike Easterling became president after Stay's resignation.

Row 1: Jennifer Abraugh, Sally Mintz, Mary Stewart, Leighanne Buller, Jackie Petrus, Edel Blanks, Mark Ulrich, Scott Brandle, Mr. Dunn, Lisa Kelso, Stacy McCrocklin, Steffie Dorroh, Mike Easterling, Cathryn Winters, Liz Montgomery, Tom Dansby, Lea Thompson, Ansel Smith, Kerry Kilpatrick, Caroline Carter, Heather Woods, Carrie Peters, Jana Brockman. Row 2: Tom Hamaker, Daran Reeves, Stephen Brown, Bernard McKenzie, Dawn Rivers, Stephen Gates, Mary Roberson, Jim Bell.



posite page top: Working in conjunction h the Student Council is the Inner Club uncil, an organization consisting of every b president. Serving are (bottom) Mike Easterling, Edwin Craft, Martha Winters, Dawn Rivers, (top) Donald Reeves, Stacy McCrocklin, Scott Brandle, Jamie Fox, Stephanie Dorroh, and Mary Roberson. Center: Student Council officers are Mil Bodron, reporter; Scott Brandle, parliamentarian; Lisa Kelso, secretary-treasurer; Stacy McCrocklin, president; Mary Roberson, historian; and Mike Easterling, vice-president. Bottom: Pushing the football sled is the 1976-77 Student Council. This page top left: Mardi Gras was a BALL as exemplified by court members Richard Crowe, Stephanie Dorroh, Leslie McCants, Lan Craft, King Mike Easterling, and Queen Wendy Worthen. Top right: New vice-president Mark Ulrich really isn't breaking into the coke machine, but he is opening it. Bottom left: Ice cream and license plates kept the Student Council wealthy. Mary Roberson and Lisa Kelso sell both. Bottom right: President Mike Easterling doesn't always look like a 1850's hoodlum, but he dresses the part with Donald Reeves to raise the spirit on 50's day.

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Booster Club Gets Started

A new dimension for athletics at River Oaks in '76-'77 was the formation of a Booster Club by Mr. Bill Buller. The club met every Monday at noon in Wyatt's Cafeteria at which time the head coach of the current sports season addressed the 55 club members, who proudly wore "RO Booster Buttons."

Projects included assembling football bleachers; organizing Rangerettes; selling football pennants; placing markers for home stands; and purchasing football all-weather coats, a mini gym set, red vests for chain gang, a wind breaker for Coach Boyles, and additional sports pages in the SILVER SPUR. Throughout the year, the Booster Club sponsored numerous other projects to promote all sports at River Oaks and to encourage parent, athlete, and fan cooperation and spirit.

Opposite top left: President Bill Buller addresses Boosters. Opposite top right: Boosters support all school functions. Opposite bottom: Boosters form victory line. Top: Club meets at Wyatt's Cafeteria. Bottom: Mrs. Worthen and Mrs. Loflin discuss fan support.

Row 1: Joy Miller, Melanie Pierron, Kristen Anderson, Jennifer Abraugh, Lindi McMickle, Maurie Walker. Row 2: Ford Williams, Janet Fleming, Cheryl Impson, Libby Tirmenstein, Mike Linzel, Susan Arnold. Row 3: Larry Walker, Nancy Lary, Kaye Guin, Sally McGregor, Gay Southern, Shelly Mulhearn. Row 4: Grayson Zeagler, Colby Sheppard, Joe Simpson, Tim Williams, Jay Miller, Elise Davidson. Row 5: Brad Armintor, Jon Somsen, Kendall Lanningham, Troy McCullen. Row 6: Charles Rosamond, Forrest McCarter, Scott Brandle, Jimmy Wooldridge, Robert Keeling, Bob Bell.

Band Takes Sweepstakes Prize

Since its inception, the Mustang Band has struggled to overcome countless hardships. Small numbers, difficult instrumentation, and no uniforms are just a few problems the band has solved. Former director, Dr. William Taylor, brought the band from "a lethargic bunch" to a highly respected musical organization. After Dr. Taylor accepted a new position at Auburn University, the band came under the direction of Darrell Crowder. Mr. Crowder has taken the musical Mustangs even farther. They have attended the District Band Festival at La. Tech where they attained all perfect ratings of 1 and won the Sweepstakes trophy.

Their outstanding ratings enabled the band to compete in state competition in Hammond. Several members made the All-District Band. In jr. high they are Cheryl Impson, Libby Tirmenstein, Sally McGregor, clarinet; Jay Miller, trumpet; Bob Bell, trombone; Brad Armintor, baritone.

The high school All-District members are Mark Ulrich, Grayson Zeagler, trumpet; Janet Fleming, Ford Williams, clarinets; Joy Miller. flute. In addition, Mark Ulrich and Grayson Zeagler made the All-State Band.

On the spring agenda were concerts slated for March 30, and May 4, Solo and Ensemble Festival at NLU, and the first band banquet. "We have several things planned for the future," Mr. Crowder said, "new music stands, a folio cabinet, and hopefully new brass for the elementary. We may even compete in the marching festival next fall."

This page top left: Kristen Anderson plays for enjoyable listening. Top right: With their director are the 1976-77 officers Scott Brandle, president; Mark Ulrich, vice-president; Jon Somsen, representative; Cheryl Impson, representative; Janet Fleming, secretary; Mr. Crowder. Above: Dressed in their marching uniforms are the Varsity Band members. Opposite page top: Another entertaining half-time performance. Center left: Mr. Crowder looks happy riding to games. Center right: Great looks and performances were just what the band revealed to the crowd. Bottom: Quality sound is now synonymous with the Mustang Band.

SDK's Kick Up Spirit

Few people realized the amount of hard work involved in being a Sundance Kid—hours and hours of planning and practicing routines. Work began in the summer with long morning and afternoon practices. Also, the SDK's attended the NLU Dance and Drill Team Camp, where they learned much about technique to be used at assemblies and games during the football and basketball seasons. Mrs. Brenda Turnage was faculty sponsor.

Top: The 1976-77 SDK's—Terri Rosenburg, Sharon Cruse, Lynda Simpson, Bobbie Wyatt, Suzette Boozer, Ainslee McDonald, Ellen Cole. Bottom left: Captain Suzette Boozer with Co-captain Sharon Cruse. Bottom right: High-kick routines? Opposite top: SDK's kick up a Ridgedale victory. Opposite middle: Disco music for this halftime routine. Opposite right: Fifties day infiltrates SDK's. Opposite Bottom: Suzette is known for high kicks.

Bottom: Nancy King, Naomi McCrocklin, Jackie Petrus, Leslie Files, Ann Irby, Vikki Southern, Morgan Wyatt. Second row: Lori Rubin, Shannon Spooner, Ashley Mingledorff, Martha Hayden, Krista Ray, Colleen Hammock, Laurie Brown, Heather Woods. Third row: Beth Stewart, Caroline Carter, Muffin Lauve, Beverly Lingle, Laura Petty, Tanya Sallee, Kendra Daniels, Alison Lolley, Brenda Douglas. Fourth row: Danelle Dupree, Rosemary Upshaw, Sarah Martin, Karen Smith, Caran Schmidt, Alison Choate, Linda Cudd, Tish Bailey, Kyle Thrasher. Fifth row: Jana Brockman, Pam Cline, Penny Masur, Kim Norman, Polly Shotwell, Virginia Armstrong, Katherine Ryan, Marguerite Martin. Sixth row: Elizabeth Johnston, Gil Guerriero, Gwen Parker, Sally Mintz, Lynn Godfrey, Julie Ellington, Claire Durrett, Priscilla Brown. Seventh row: Mary Walker, Suzanne Mahaffey, Lisa Illing, Andrea Weaks, Mary Flo Geisler, Rene Winegart, Carrie Peters, Mary Stewart.

R. O. Pep Squad Has Its Inception in '76

With the help of Baby Loflin, Mrs. Lanelle Buller, Mrs. Joan King, and Mrs. Tamsy Armstrong, the R. O. Rangerettes were formed just in time for the 1976 football season.

Officers included Mary Walker, captain; Danelle Dupree, 9th grade co-captain and secretary-treasurer; Beth Stewart, 8th grade co-captain; and Nancy King, 7th grade co-captain. Miss Debra Baragona served as school sponsor.

The Kangerettes were required to attend all home and out-of-town games when buses were available. Other requirements included mandatory practice, designated uniforms, and friendly conduct. Failure to abide by these rules resulted in a reprimand. Having included only 7th, 8th, and 9th grades, the Rangerettes intended to open membership next to all grades.

The Rangerettes contributed much to the spirit at all athletic functions. The true Mustang spirit was apparent in each Rangerette.

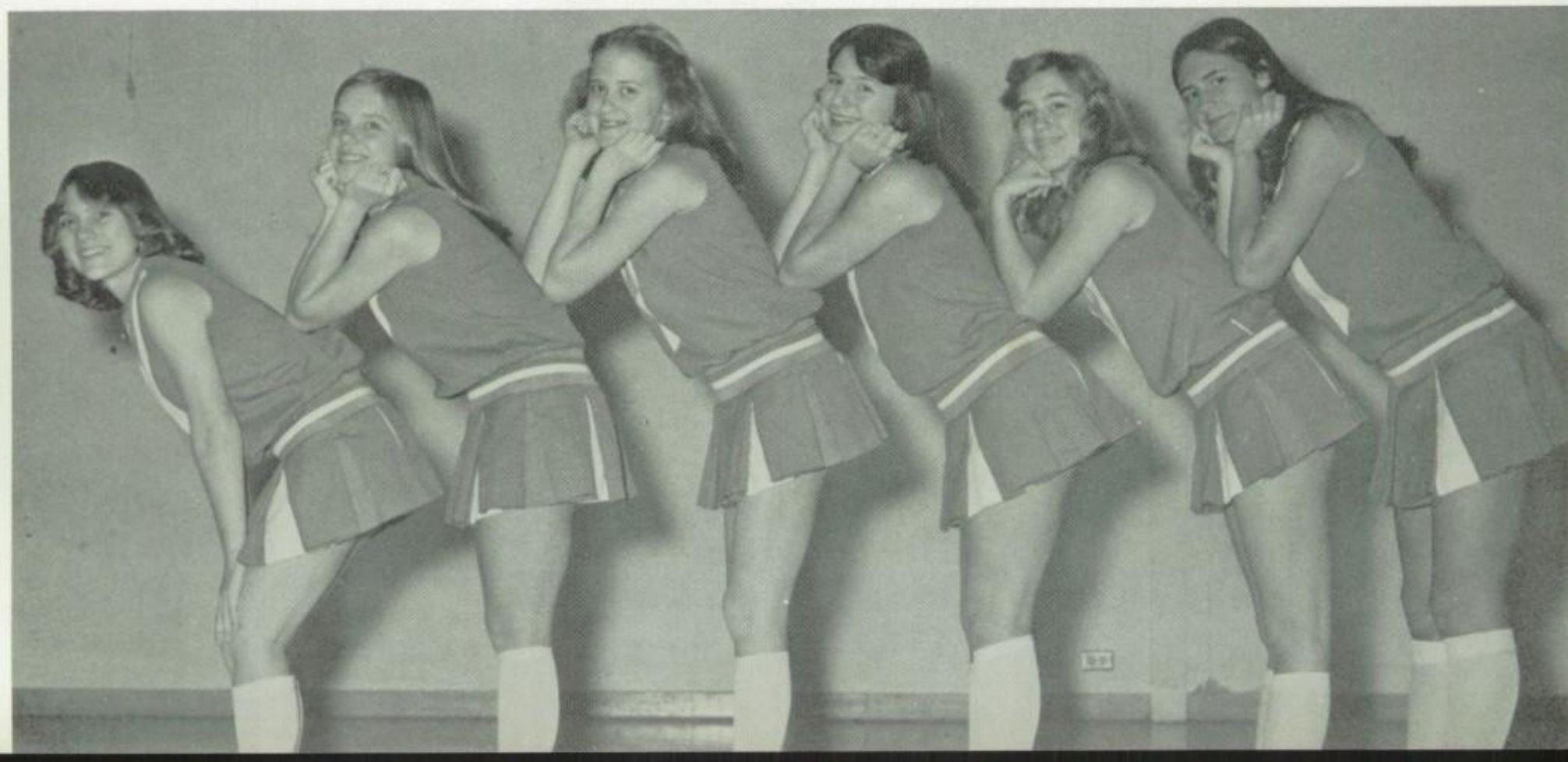
Far left bottom: Long Trailways trips were not unusual during football season; sleeping pep squad beauties were not unusual either as Mary Walker and Priscilla Brown demonstrate. Center left bottom: Pep Squad officers for '76 were (bottom to top) Nancy King, co-captain; Mary Stewart, co-captain, Danelle Dupree, co-captain and secretary-treasurer; Mary Walker, captain. Top: Taking a break during practice are Miss B. and some pep squaders. Center: During cold nights, the girls practiced for the homecoming show. Bottom: Before each game the pep squad formed a victory line.

Mustang Stompin' Ground Is Sacred to Junior High Cheerleaders

The junior high cheerleaders, an enthusiastic group of seventh, eighth, and ninth grade coeds, led cheers at all junior high pep assemblies and athletic events.

During the summer these cheerleaders attended the Neville Cheerleader Clinic and also the NLU Cheerleader Clinic, where they were named best group. The group's sponsor was Mrs. Barbara Lassiter; Leslie Files was head cheerleader. The girls brought Kool-aid to the summer football practices and favors to players before each game.

Top left: Naomi, Morgan, and Vikki do "Get Down." Top Right: The 1976-77 Jr. High Cheerleaders exhibit one of their many NCA formations. Middle: Cheerleaders cover spirit from all sides. Bottom left: Posing in a victory train are Vikki, Naomi, Leslie, Morgan, Ann, and Jackie. Bottom middle: Dancing, clapping, and yelling are important at basketball tournaments. Bottom right: Leslie Files smiles at another Mustang victory.



Varsity Cheerleaders 'Fire Up' RO Athletes, Fans

"Fire Up, Fire Up, Up, Up . . ." was just what the 1976-77 Varsity Cheerleaders did at pep rallies and games during the year. Spirit was sparked early in the summer when the cheerleaders attended NCA Cheerleader Camp in Perkingston, Miss., where the squad won two superior and three excellent ribbons, a spirit stick, and a superstar ribbon. After camp the girls sponsored an elementary cheerleader clinic, made spirit posters, practiced cheers, and carried refreshments to athletic practices. Mrs. Anita Fleming was faculty sponsor.

Right: Varsity cheerleaders—Leslie McCants, Wendy Worthen, Susan Hudson, Brenda George, Susan Anderson, Martha Winters. Middle left: Wendy and Martha team up for "Hey, Gang." Middle right: Cheering plus the band is excellent combination. Bottom left: The cheerleaders "Get Down." Bottom right: Susan says, "Get that spirit up." Opposite top: HAPPY DAYS routine highlights fifties day. Opposite bottom left: Mrs. B. helps with run-through sign. Opposite bottom right: "Give me a M" is a great spirit raiser for Susan.

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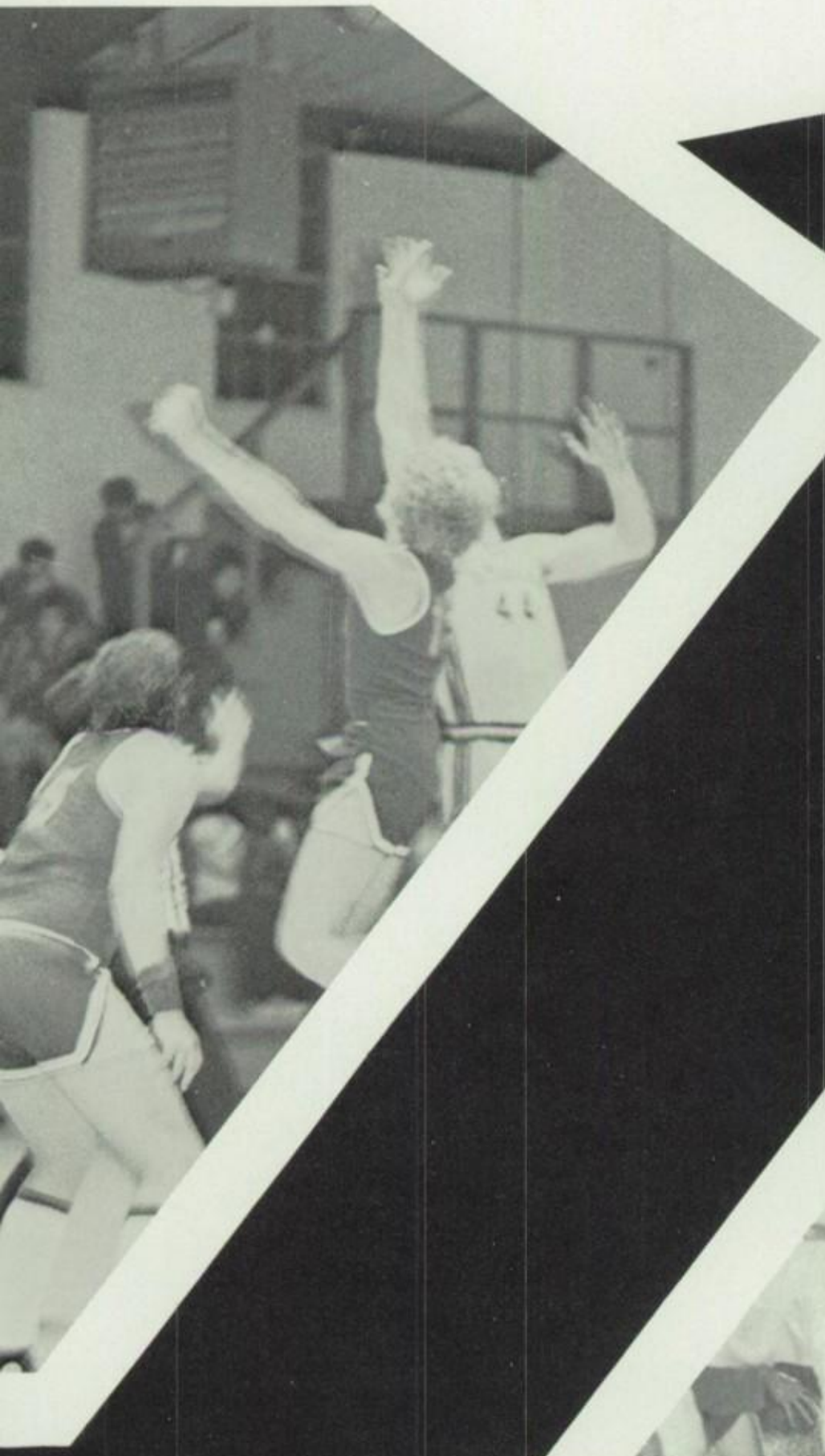

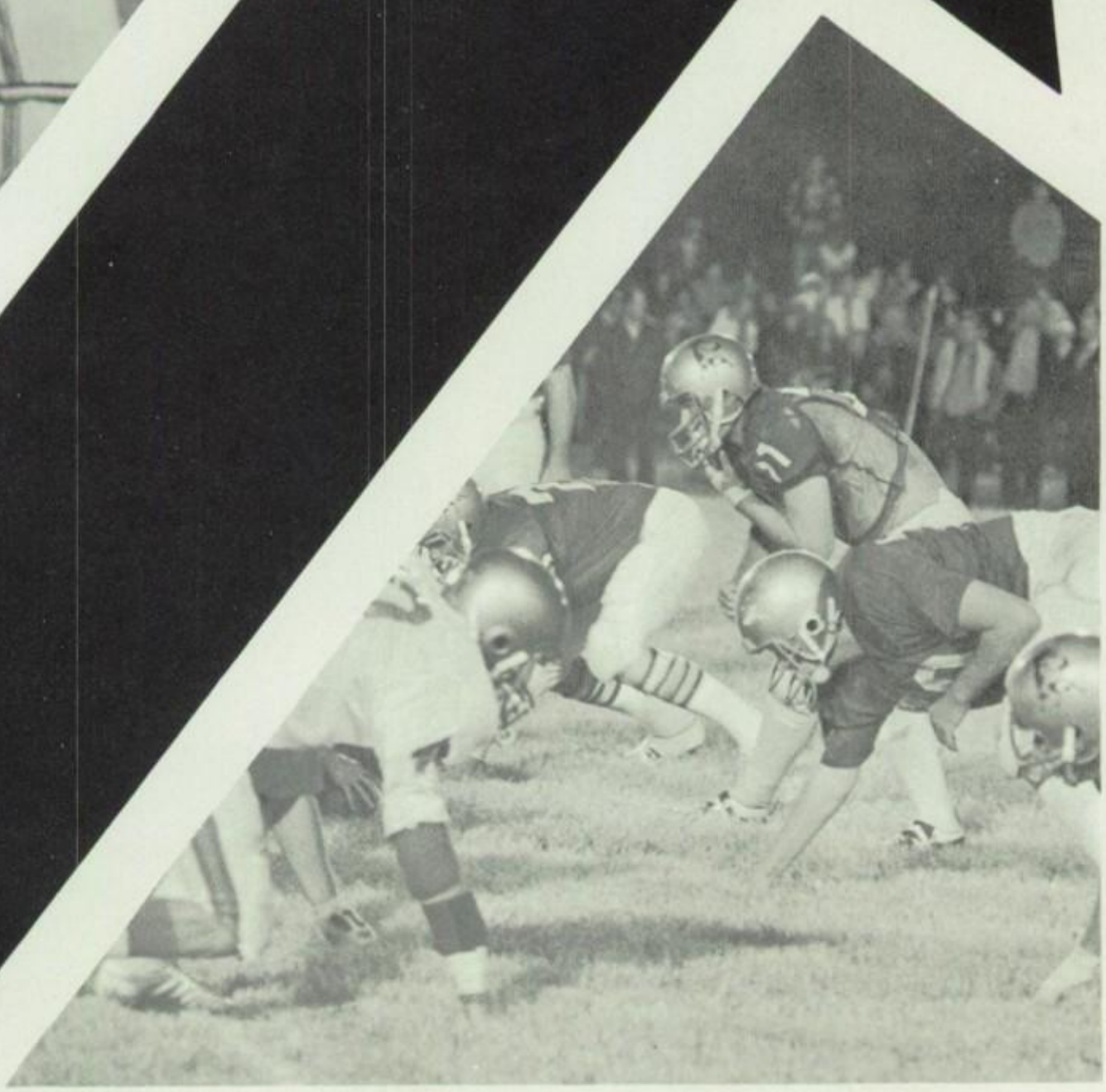

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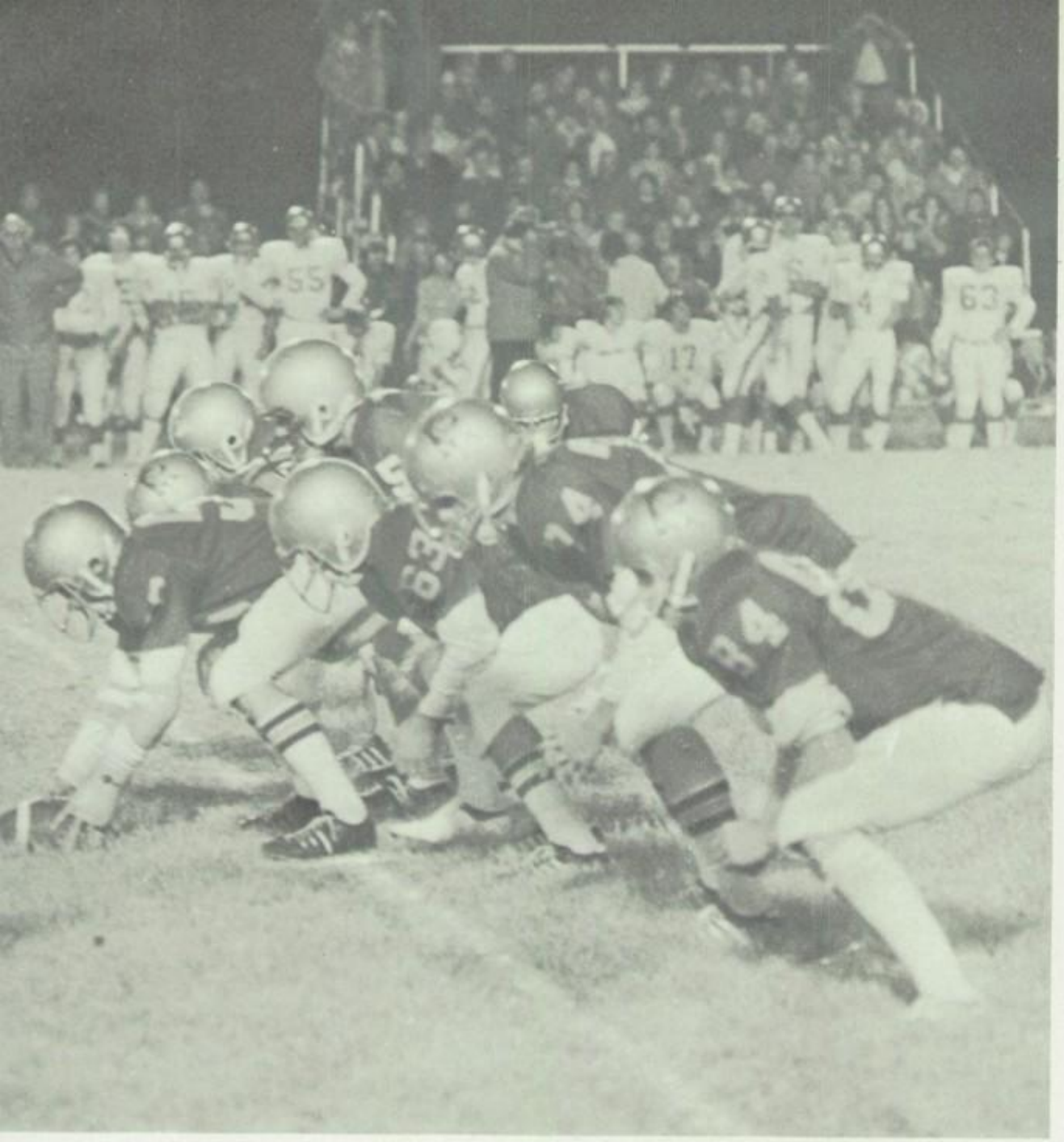
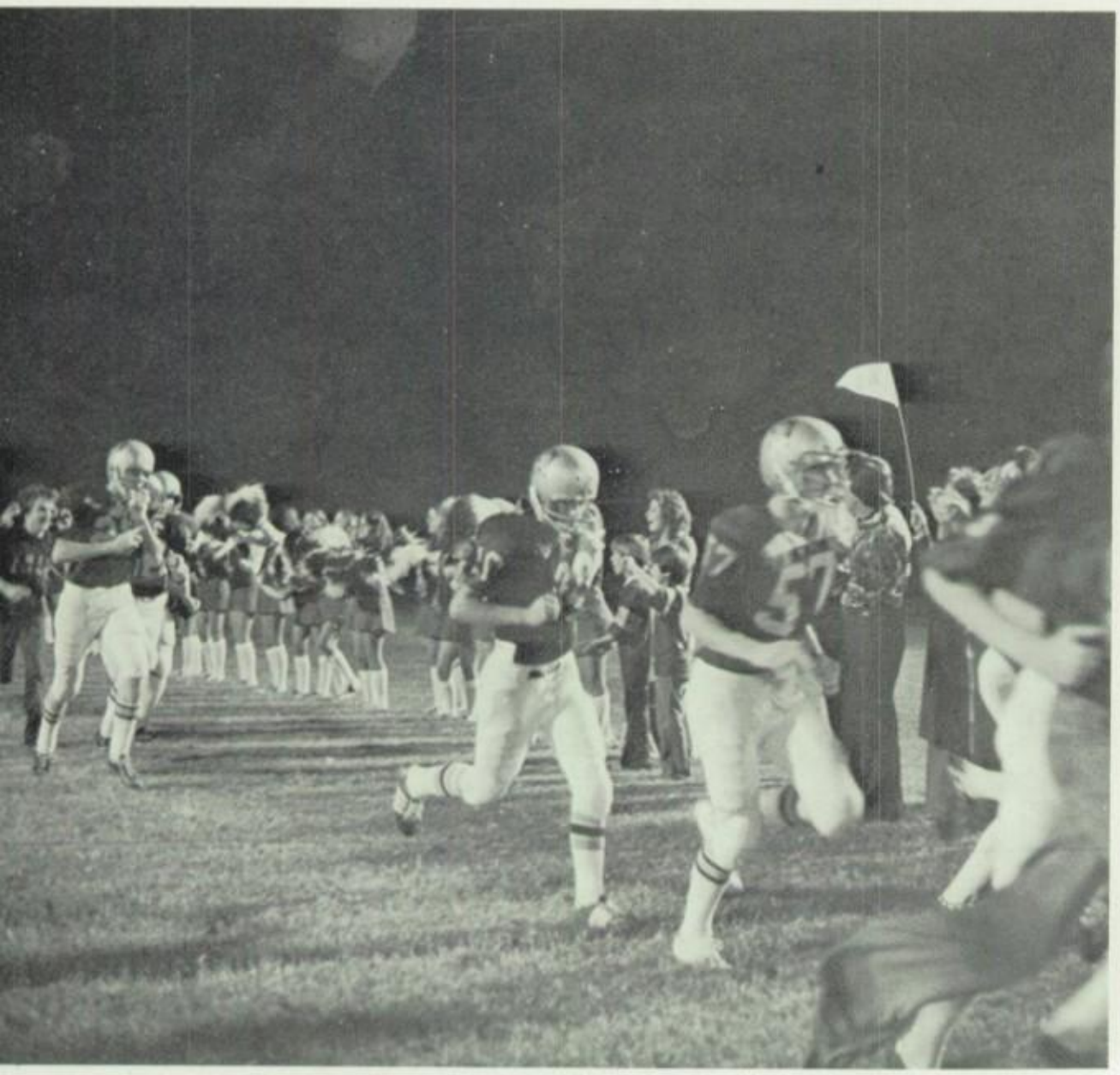
Ponies Claim District Title

Top: Reeves sweeps right end. Left: Touchdown! Bottom: Leading the Mustangs onto the field are the cheerleaders. Opposite top: Mighty Mustangs prepare for action. Opposite bottom: Here come the Mustangs!





Season Round-Up

Jamboree

The 1976-77 football season began in West Monroe at Ridgedale Stadium. The Mustang's first opponent was the Prairie View Spartans. The game ended in a 0-0 deadlock. The Mustangs had an apparent victory on the final play of the game when quarterback Bo Godfrey hit Donald Reeves on a 21-yard scoring aerial, but a penalty nullified the score. In the second game the Mustangs defeated Ridgedale 8-6. The score came on a 61-yard touchdown toss from Godfrey to Morris Inabnet; Reeves hauled in the winning points on a pass from Godfrey.

River Oaks 34 Riverdale 6

The River Oaks Mustangs used a strong running attack to defeat the Rebels. Mike Easterling tallied two scores for the winning effort. Donald Reeves and Edwin Craft also added touchdowns for the Ponies. Bear Ulrich picked up a fumble and rambled 30 yards to paydirt for the final score. Randy Gilley and Henson Coon added the extra points.

River Oaks 8 Claiborne 0

River Oaks squeaked past the Claiborne Rebels 8-0 in the second outing for the Mustangs. Mike Easterling bolted through the middle for the night's only score. Donald Reeves added the two-point conversion.

River Oaks 40 England, Ark. 6

River Oaks ran up an insurmountable halftime lead to boost their record to 3 wins against no defeats. Randy Gilley jaunted from six yards out for the first score. The second score came on a 54-yard bomb from quarterback Bo Godfrey to Scott Anderson. Bobby Craighead, Mike Easterling, Donald Reeves, and Woody Ledbetter accounted for the additional touchdowns. Troy Watters kicked two PAT's for the Ponies.

River Oaks 12 Trinity Heights 13

The Mustangs were handed their first loss of the season when they battled the Eagles of Trinity Heights in Shreveport. After scoring first on a halfback pass from Donald Reeves to Morris Inabnet, Mike Easterling scored the final touchdown.

River Oaks 20 Tallulah 7

In the first district game, River Oaks downed the state runner-up Trojans from Tallulah. Things began when Bo Godfrey hooked with Morris Inabnet for two touchdown passes of 34 and 55 years. Bobby Craighead meandered into the endzone to assure the victory. The extra points came on rambles by Godfrey.

River Oaks 20 Huntington 0

River Oaks' staunch defense limited the Hounds of Ferriday to only 65 total yards for the Mustangs' second District II-AA victory. The first score came on a 5-yard scamper by fullback Edwin Craft. Bo Godfrey threw a pair of touchdown passes to spark the attack. The first was a 39-yard pass to Inabnet. Craighead was on the receiving end of the other touchdown pass from Godfrey.

River Oaks 14 Riverfield 15

In a crucial battle for the district race, the Mustangs fell to the Riverfield Raiders. Donald Reeves and Bobby Craighead each scored 6. The extra tallies were marked by quarterback Bo Godfrey.

River Oaks 36 Prairie View 0

River Oaks upped its record to 3-1 in conference action with a victory over the Spartans. The Mustangs made their homecoming festivities a success by blanking Prairie View 36-0. Mike Easterling added two touchdowns and was aided with scoring help from Jamie Fox. Morris Inabnet snagged a 50-yard touchdown toss from Bo Godfrey, who also passed for two extra points, the first to Reeves and the second to Craighead. The Mustang substitute quarterback Brad Adair passed to Tommy Russell for another score. Henson Coon had an impressive game at fullback with 103 yards and an extra point.

River Oaks 26 Briarfield 0

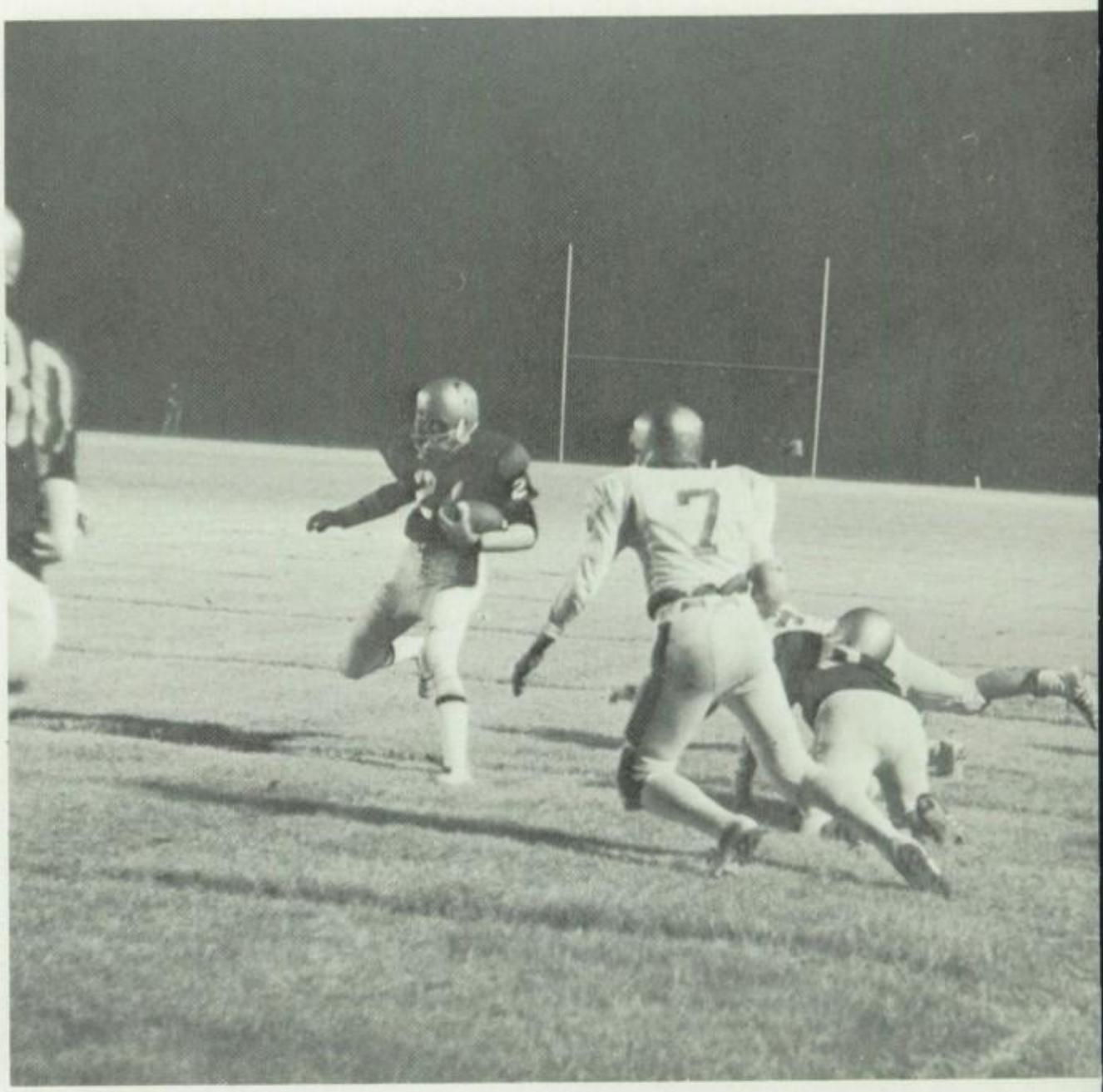
In 20 degree weather, pouring rain, and strong winds, the Mustangs held off a first half attack by the Rebels to win 26-0. Bobby Craighead lead the Mustangs with two scores, with senior running backs Mike Easterling and Randy Gilley tallying one each. Quarterback Bo Godfrey kept on the option for the remaining points.

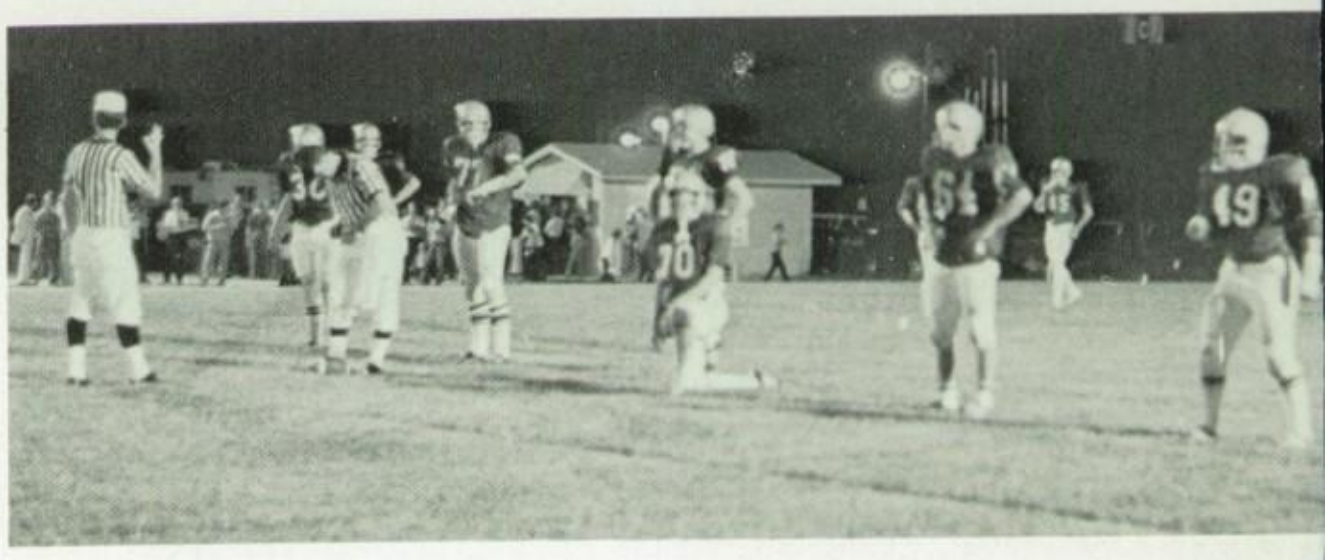
River Oaks 24 Ridgedale 12

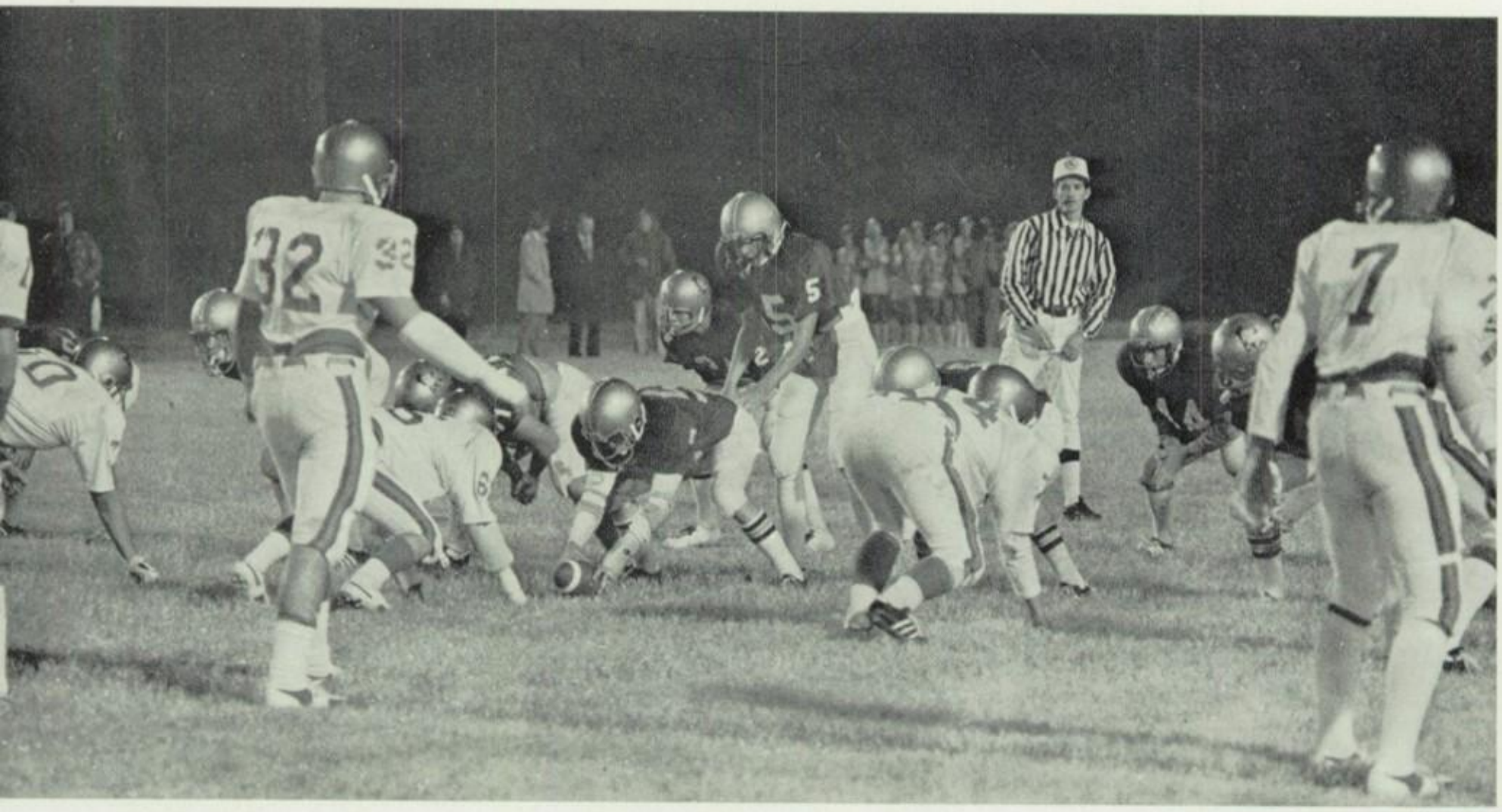
The Mustangs maintained winning tradition by downing the boys from across the creek, 24-12. The River Oaks' offense dominated the game with scores from Reeves, Easterling, and Craighead. All three conversion attempts were successful as Godfrey threw for one and ran for two.

River Oaks 18 Riverfield 13

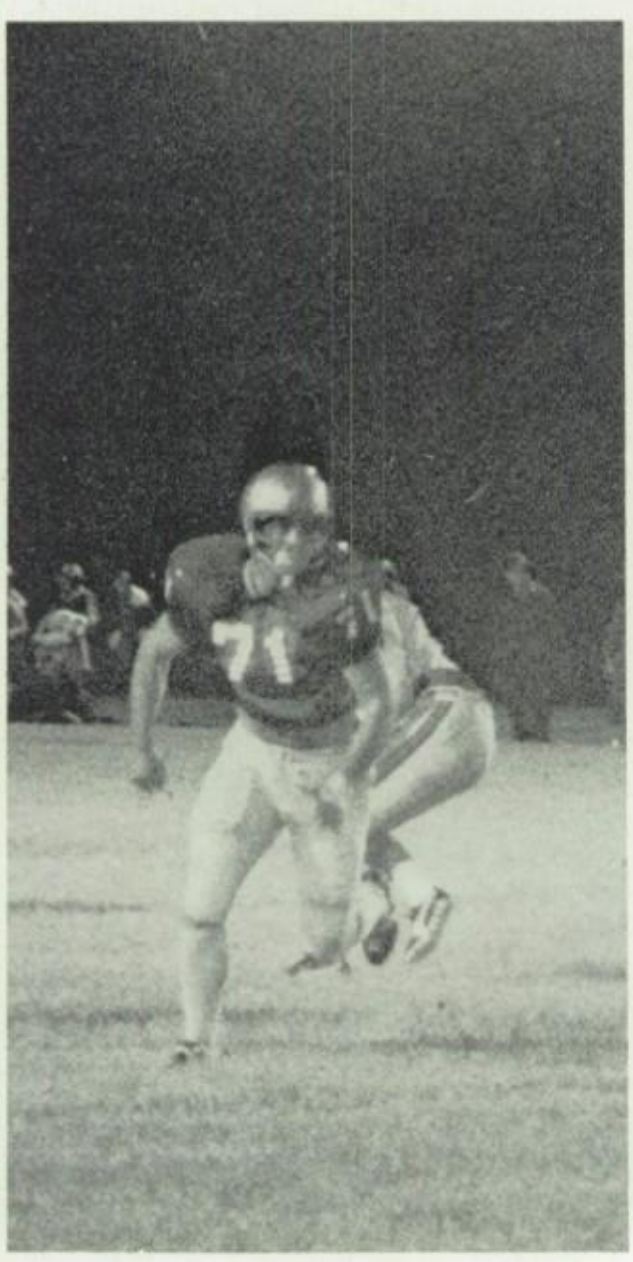
The River Oaks' Mustangs, burdened by having to play an extra game to gain a spot in the state play-offs and the conference championship, played at Cedar Creek, a neutral site. River Oaks first got on the scoreboard with a two-yard plunge by Mike Easterling. Mustang defenders, led by Troy Watters, forced a safety. Woody Ledbetter scored the final touchdown with a 11-yard run. Quarterback Bo Godfrey passed to Craighead for one two-point conversion and kept for another.







Opposite top: Craighead eludes tacklers. Opposite middle: Mustang defense contemplates the next play. Opposite bottom left: Gilley and Reeves block while Craighead rolls around. Right: Craft attempts to block an extra point. Top: Godfrey barks signals for the Ponies. Left: Watters boots one. Middle: Easterling takes a handoff for a sizable gain. Left: Ulrich, Watters, and Gilley attempt to block a punt.



River Oaks 16 Cedar Creek 40

Fatigue and penalties plagued the Mustangs on a cold, wet night in the quarterfinals of the state playoffs at NLU's Brown Stadium. Three games in eight days proved too much for the Mustangs when a good Cedar Creek effort coupled with Mustang mistakes caused the RO gridders to fall to the Cougars. The first score came on a 13-yard run by Bo Godfrey, who passed 52 yards for another score to Woody Ledbetter. However, this was not enough to spark the Mustang offense.

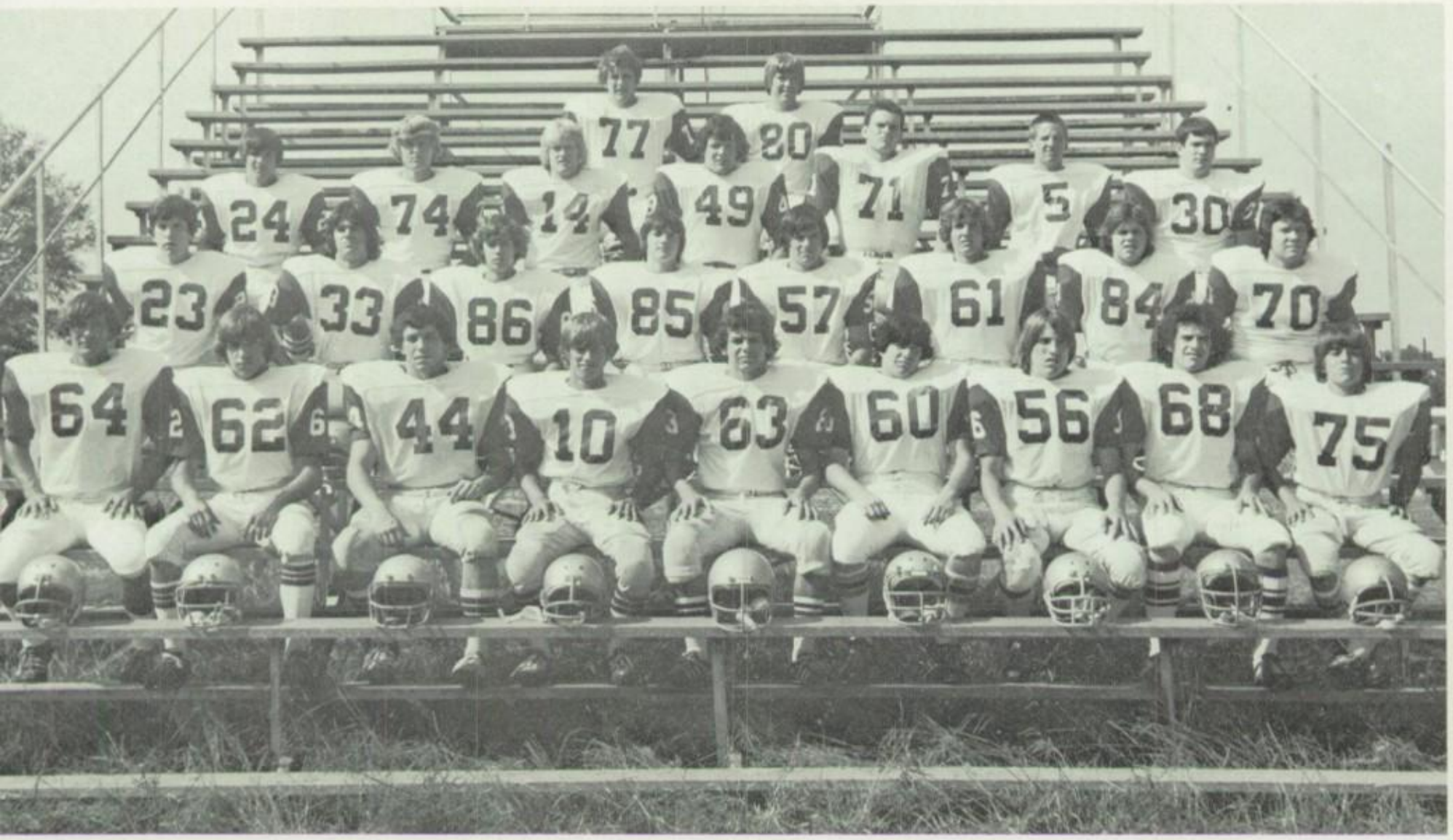
Opposite top left: Easterling prepares for a great return. Opposite top right: Mustangs relax on a bus trip. Opposite bottom left: Easterling leads the way for Reeves. Opposite bottom right: River Oaks' offense sets against Trinity Heights. Top left: Coach Boyles disagrees with the call. Top right: Reeves and Easterling get ready for the flip. Bottom: Troy leads the blocking on a sweep.

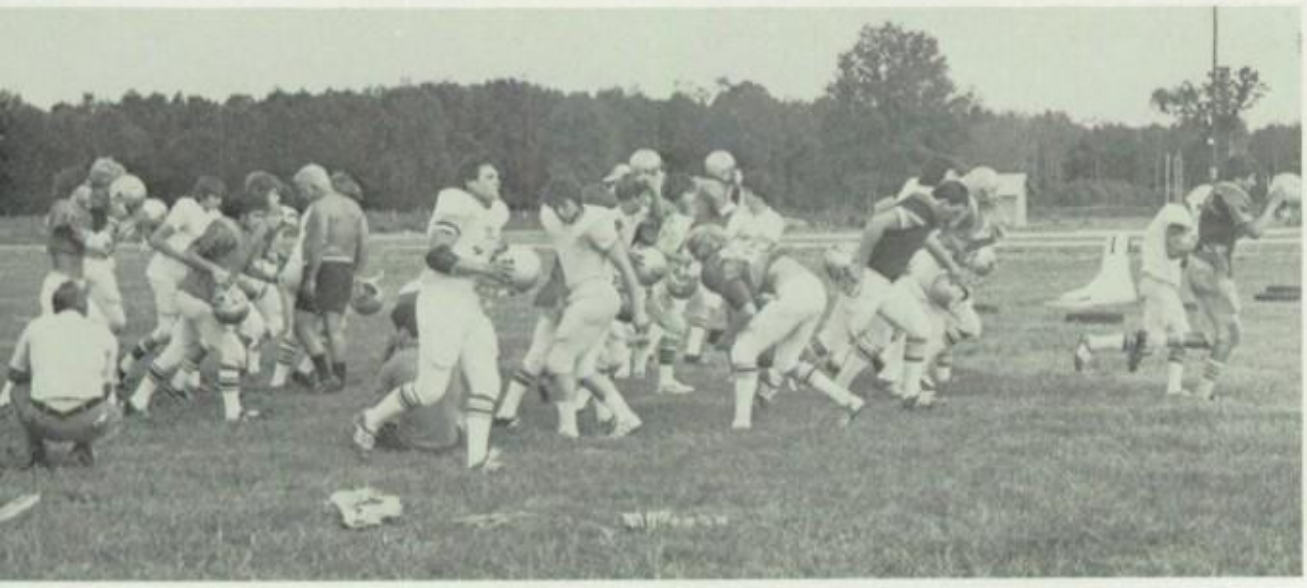
Players Honored

The Mustangs were well represented on the All-District team both offensively and defensively. On offense Troy Watters, Mike Easterling, and Morris Inabnet made the first team, and Bobby Craighead, Bo Godfrey, and Richard Crowe received honorable mention awards.

Mike Easterling, Troy Watters, Randy Gilley, and Donald Reeves were placed on the starting defensive lineup, while Richard Crowe, Mark Ulrich, and Chuck McBride were honorable mention players for their fine defensive performances throughout the year.

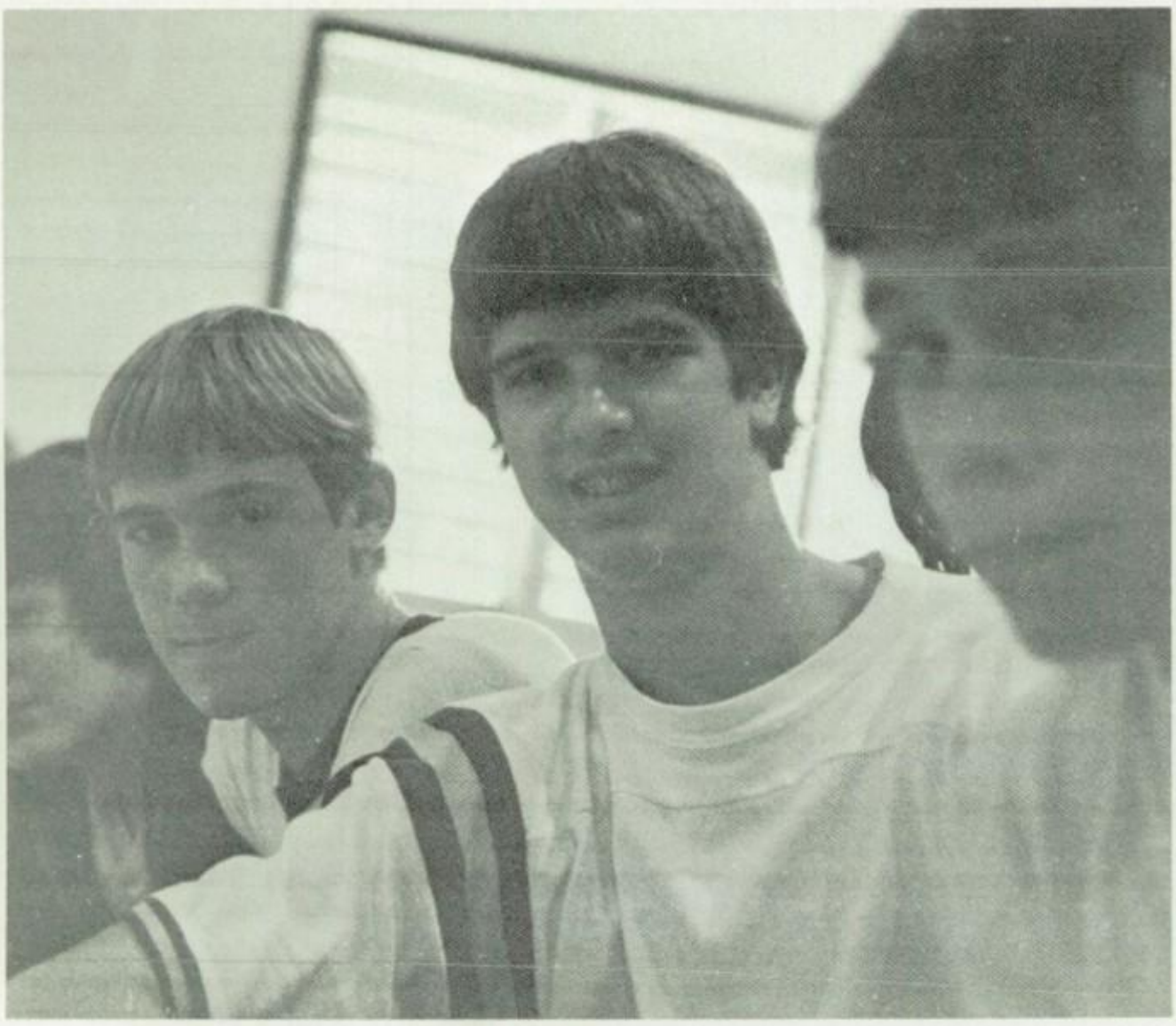
The Mustangs placed one player on the All-State squad, offensive guard Troy Watters.





Opposite top: Former Mustang player Kip Gates runs for Craft. Opposite left: Godfrey drops back to pass. Opposite bottom: Mustangs keep a close watch on the action. Top: RO Mustangs—top row: Roy Wall, Scott Anderson; 2nd row: Bobby Craighead, Chuck McBride, Donald Reeves, Edwin Craft, Troy Watters, Bo Godfrey, Randy Gilley; 3rd row: Woody Ledbetter, Henson Coon, Stewart Gentry, Kevin Edwards, Jimmy Wooldridge, Lan Craft, Morris Inabnet, Richard Crowe; bottom: Bear Ulrich, Tim Williams, Mike Easterling, Jamie Fox, Richard Guerriero, Bernard McKenzie, Bill Mahaffey, Andy Davidson, Todd Mahaffey. Middle left: Fox slips away. Middle right: Reeves opens a hole for Easterling. Bottom: Mustangs practice hard.

Row 1: Steve Hutchinson, Todd Hindmon, Mike Linzel, Will Sartor, Eric Worthen, Scott Bradford, Lee Jenkins, Walter Ligon, Stephen Gates, Coach Terry Head. Row 2: Clay Petrus, Stephens Winters, Tom Dansby, Daran Reeves, Tommy Curry, Rex Craighead, Fred Huenefeld, Boyd Padgett. Row 3: Troy McCullen, Fred Petty, Bill Smith, Ryan Sartor, Wesley Shafto, Jeff Guerriero, Ron Sloan, Kelly White.



Jr. Varsity Season Is Successful

4-1-1 was a good start as the ponies prepared for varsity competition. When asked if there were any outstanding players on the team, Coach Terry Head replied, "There were no stars. Teamwork and cooperation led the team to success." The highlight of the season was the ponies' victory over Riverfield.

Opposite page bottom left: Eric Worthen, Will Sartor. Right: Touchdown! This page top: Signs add to spirit. Bottom: Steven Gates leads his class in spirit.

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Riverfield 6-12
Ridgedale 6-0
Ridgedale 32-8
Riverfield 12-0
Prairie View 42-12

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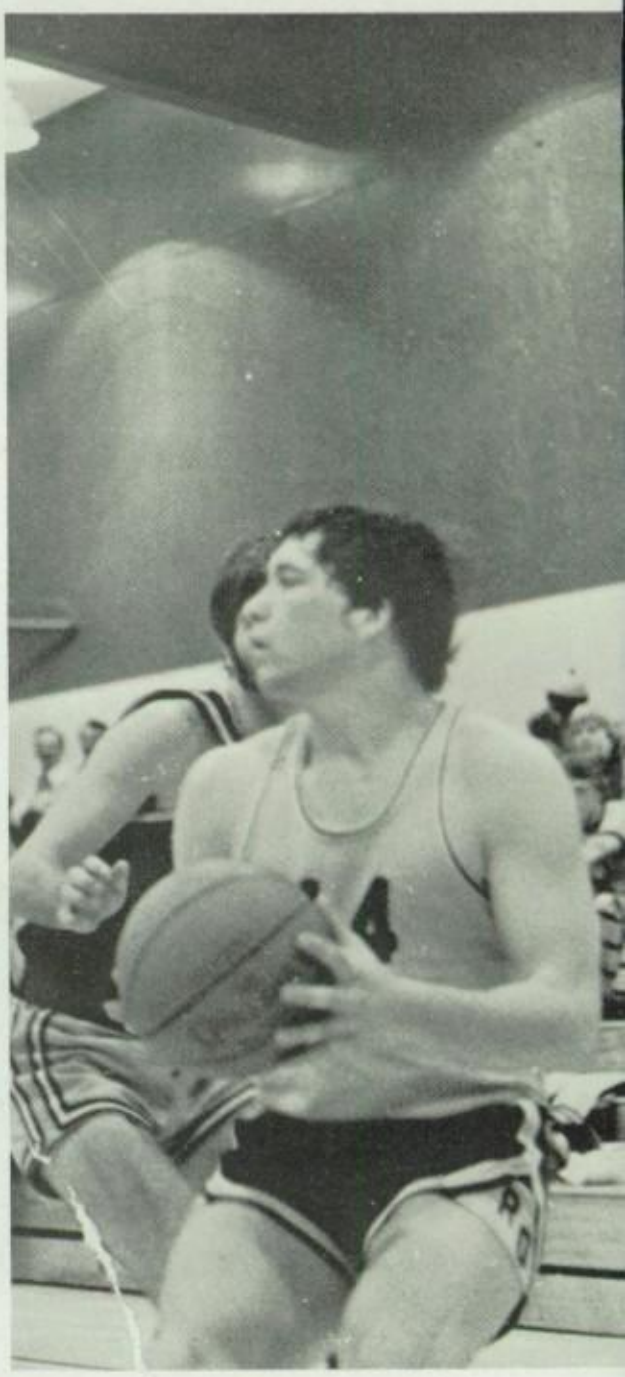


Top row: Tommy Clay, Woody Ledbetter, Roy Wall, Terry Culver, Richard Crowe, Richard Pipes, Donald Reeves. Bottom row: Jamie Fox, Mike Easterling, William Tosten, Morris Inabnet, Mike Douglas, Brooks Hamaker.

27-4 Record Claims District

Opening the 1976-77 season with a decisive win over East Union, the Mustangs proved to be the most inimitable opponent of District II-AA. After losing the second game of the season, the Ponies went on to win four straight games and take 3rd in the Cedar Creek tournament. They then took a 54-52 victory over the Ridgedale Raiders, R. O.'s arch rival from across the Ouachita.

Later, the team copped second in the Huntington tournament, only losing to Trinity of Natchez. Successes over Tallulah, Prairie View, and Ridgedale placed the Mustangs first in their own tournament. In district play, River Oaks easily defeated Tallulah in the first game but scraped by Prairie View in the second.

The third district game caused the Mustangs' third season loss, suffered at the hands of Riverfield. Briarfield tourney, the next stop, saw the ponies take home the first place trophy. Finally, in a district game against Riverfield, the Mustangs came back to win and virtually wrap up the District II-AA crown.

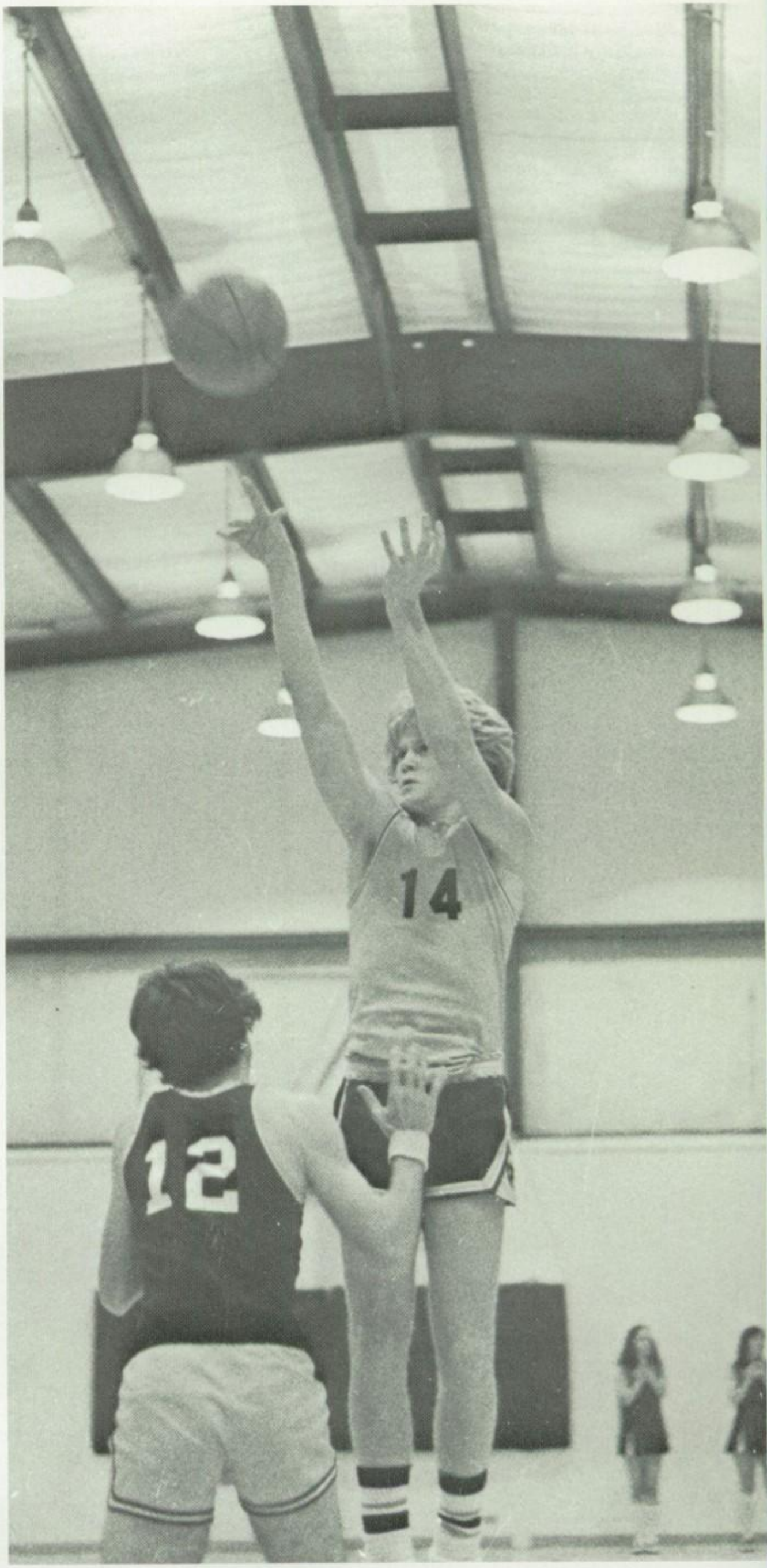
Opposite page left: Leaping for a lay-up, Morris Inabnet and Terry Culver intimidate the foe. Top right: Culver shoots for two under the watchful eye of the Mustang.

Bottom right: Mike Easterling prepares to shoot. This page left: Inabnet enjoys putting the pressure on the opposition. Right: The players on the bench participate emotionally.

Emotion Marks End of Season

FEB. 11, 77: The gym was packed. The crowd buzzed with spirit. As River Oaks began the battle with arch-rival Ridgedale, the tension reached a fever pitch. The lead see-sawed from team to team, but when the final buzzer sounded River Oaks led 74 to 67.

FEB. 17, 77: Seldom is there a game as exciting as this one. Although the Mustangs put up a tough fight the Sam Barthe Hornets won the game in over-time. The Mustangs, sad and dejected, left the gym slowly, reflectively. Perhaps thoughts of dashed dreams and lost hopes went through their minds; yet even so the team walked away proudly. Their pride was not unfounded. Donald Reeves was named Most Valuable Player, and the mentor of the team, Coach Tanner, was named Coach of the Year for District 11-AA and for the Twin Cities as well.



This page, left: Jimmy Dobbins exhibits spirit from the bench. Right: Donald Reeves displays his abilities. Opposite page, top left: Coach Tanner flagrantly shows displeasure at a call. Top right: Mike Douglas shoots from among the Sam Barthe defense. Bottom left: Reeves puts one up. Bottom middle: Clay chalks up another "Two" for River Oaks. Bottom right: The Mustang defense puts pressure on the opposition.

Little Ponies Show Winning Spirit

Following in the Mustangs' "hoof steps," the little Ponies amassed a winning basketball season. Highlighting the season was the ponies' victory in the River Oaks' tournament, in which they edged out Ridgedale in the last round. Also, highlighting the season was a decisive victory over Riverfield. The boys were coached by Steve Hutchinson who feels that "there were no stars on this team, only boys who worked exceptionally well together."

This page: Daran Reeves attempts a foul shot as the players on the bench look on. Opposite page, top left: Bobby Craighead leaps for a lay-up. Top right: While fans yell, "Jump!" Craighead strains for tip off. Bottom left: Stephen Gates goes for two. Bottom right: As Eric Worthen and Daran Reeves guard, Randy Pipes tries to raise the score.

Standing: Daran Reeves, Tommy Curry, Eric Worthen, Randy Pipes, Bobby Craighead, Lee Jenkins, Will Sartor, Scott Bradford, Coach Steve Hutchinson, Stephen Gates. Bottom: Mike Stinson, Kelly White, Ryan Sartor, Fred Huenfeld, Boyd Padgett, Fred Petty, Coleman Rowland.

Varsity Girls Surprise All

Highlighting the girls' season were several exciting games. After a losing streak, the lady Mustangs defeated East Union by a score of 39-28. Also, an overtime game with Riverfield boosted team spirits tremendously, especially since R. O. has seldom come within close scoring distance of this team.

Individual highlights included Mary Roberson, fast breaks; Lynn Lassiter, the boards; Kay Loflin, offensive maneuvering; Elizabeth Cookston, fake and drive; Fran Jagoditsh, also impossible outside shooting; Leighanne Geisler, interceptions; Julie Gates, pulling through when needed; Lea Thompson, corner shots; Wendy Worthen, well-rounded assistant; Lisa Files, two-handed set shots.

Top left: Lisa Files prepares for the tip-off.
Top right: Fran Jagoditsh sets up a defense.

Top row: Coach Debbo Baragona, Lisa Files, Lynn Lassiter, Leigh Anne Geisler, Elizabeth Cookston, Lea Thompson. Bottom Row: Mary Roberson, Wendy Worthen, Kay Loflin, Fran Jagoditsh, Julie Gates.

op row: Carrie Peters, Kristin Anderson, Jackie Petrus, Coach Marion Howard, Nancy Lary, Sally McGregor, Mary Buffington, Gwen Parker.
ottom row: Laura Petty, Tish Bailey, Linda Cudd, Missy Webb, Shelley Cook, Mary Flo Geisler, Suzanne Mahaffey, Marcia Wolff.

Jr. High Girls Win 9—Lose 10

Although the Jr. High Girls split their season by winning nine games and losing ten, they still merit congratulations for keeping up the R. O. tradition of being winners. Under the coaching of Marion Howard, the team learned new techniques and really enjoyed playing.

Far left: Mary Flo Geisler looks for a receiver. Top right: Missy Webb puts one up. Bottom right: Shelley Cook barrels down court.

Baseball Looks Brighter

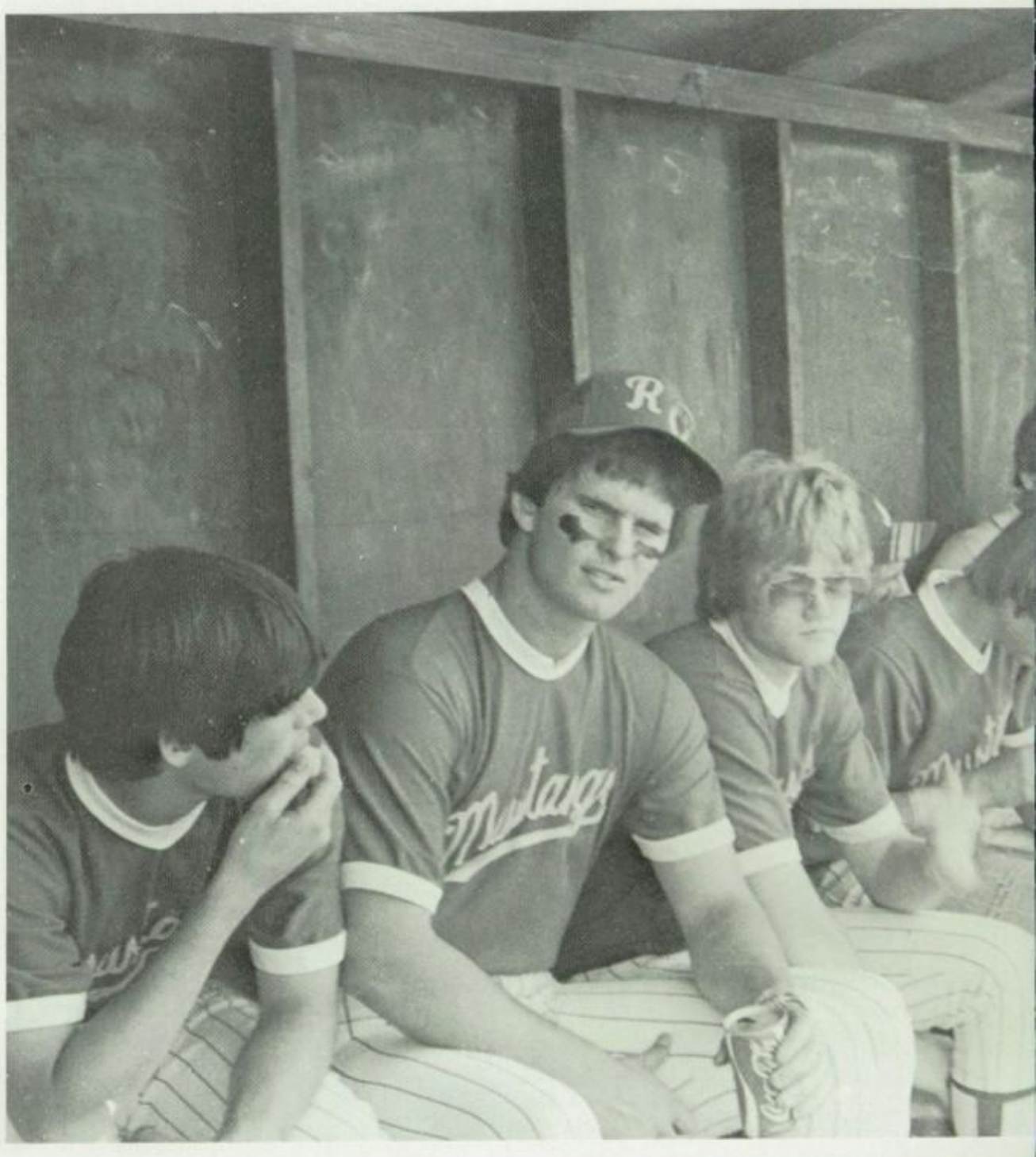
River Oaks' Baseball looks to the future—even though the team was 3-7-1. The team improved every game, winning 3 out of the last 5 games and tying one.

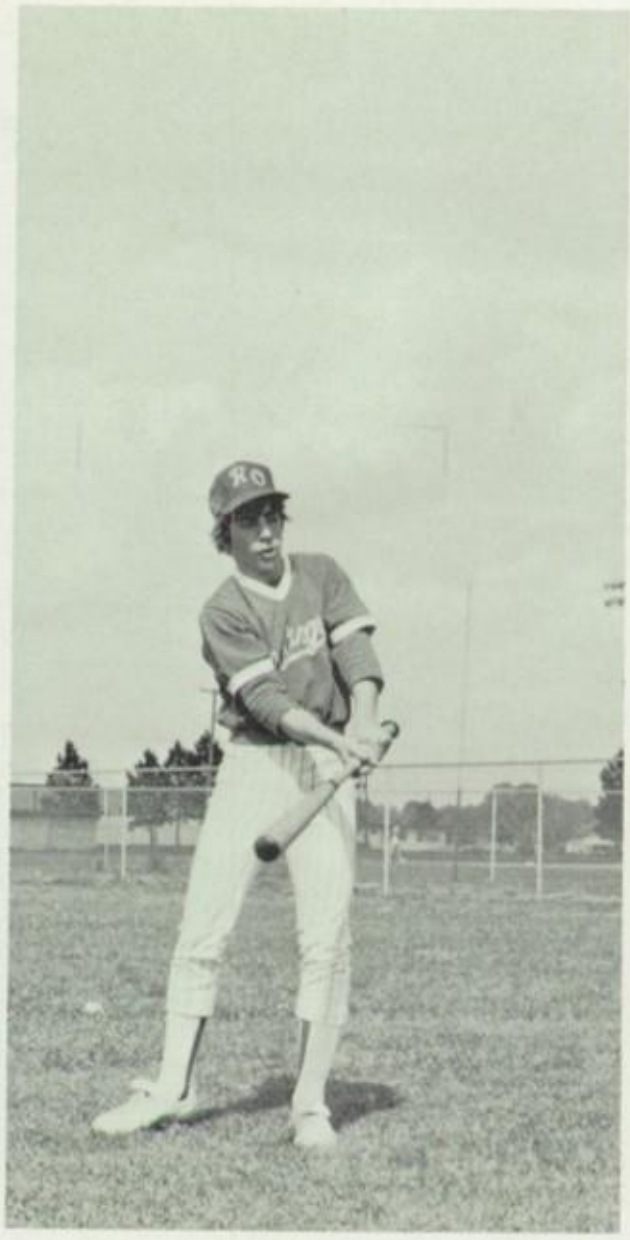
The team was led by second baseman Mike Douglas, who was named MVP and leading hitter. He hit .379, leading the team in 7 offensive categories; other leading hitters were Jimmie Dobbins, .375; Donald Reeves, .320; and Richard Crowe, .308. Five of the top six hitters were Juniors.

The leading pitcher was Jimmie Dobbins. He won one game, lost four, pitched 35 innings striking out 32 batters. His E. R. A. was 3.40. Three of his losses were by error. Other pitchers were Bradley Adair and Todd Hindman. All three pitchers will be back.

Jamie Fox received the most improved player award. He played an errorless centerfield for the Mustangs for the season. Even though the season wasn't a great success for the Mustangs, things look bright for the future.

This page, top right: Richard Crowe and Mike Douglas relax on the baseball field. Bottom right: Jimmy Wooldridge, Troy Watters, Donald Reeves, and Mike Douglas watch from the bench. Bottom left: Todd Hindmon and Roy Wall reflect on the game. Right: Jim Bell practices batting.





anding: Bo Godfrey, Troy Watters, Todd Hindmon, Jimmy Dobbins, Coach Wally McMakin, Bill Loftin. Seated: Roy Wall, Mike Easterling, mmy Wooldridge, Forrest McCarter, Tim Williams, Bradley Adair, Jamie Fox, Jim Bell, Ansel Smith, William Tosten, Fred Petty, Mike ouglas, Donald Reeves, Richard Crowe.

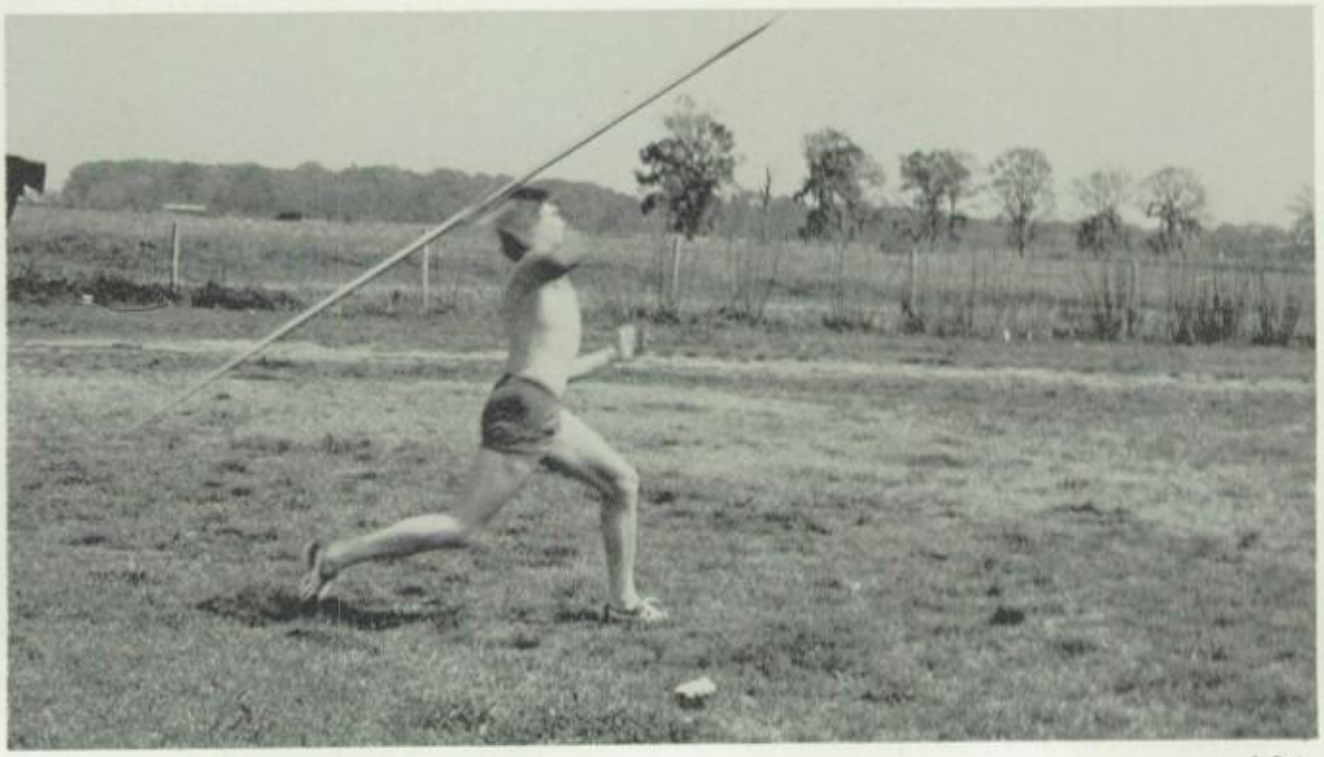
Track Teams Try Hard

Unlike the well-established, champion football and basketball teams, River Oaks track teams have experienced several set-backs. The boys' team is only in its second year, and the girls just began this year. However, despite their inexperience, both groups have managed to have several bright spots in the season. In two out of three meets, Woody Ledbetter won first place in the long jump. At the district meet, Donald Reeves placed third in high jump, and Shelley Cook won first in the long jump along with breaking the district record.

This page, bottom: Stephen Brown catapults across the bar. Opposite page, top left: Determined Julie Gates takes off on her lap of the relay. Top middle: Donald Reeves and Mike Easterling run side by side to hand off the baton. Top right: Henson Coon churns around the track. Center: Leaping over the pit, Shelley Cook exhibits her form. Bottom left: Mike Linzel leads the way in the two-mile relay. Bottom right: Thrusting the javelin, Stephen Brown practices hard.

Julie Gates, Nancy Lary, Mary Walker, Kathy Hereford, Gay Southern, Vikki Southern, and Shelley Cook.

Richard Guerriero, William Tosten, Bernard McKenzie, Stuart Harrison, Ron Sloan, Jimmy Dobbins, Will Sartor, Woody Ledbetter, Randy Pipes.



Kneeling: Jeff McBride, Herbert Hobgood. Standing: Stuart Brown, Ron Shemwell, David Smith, Lee Webster, Chip Norman, Norman Bagwell.

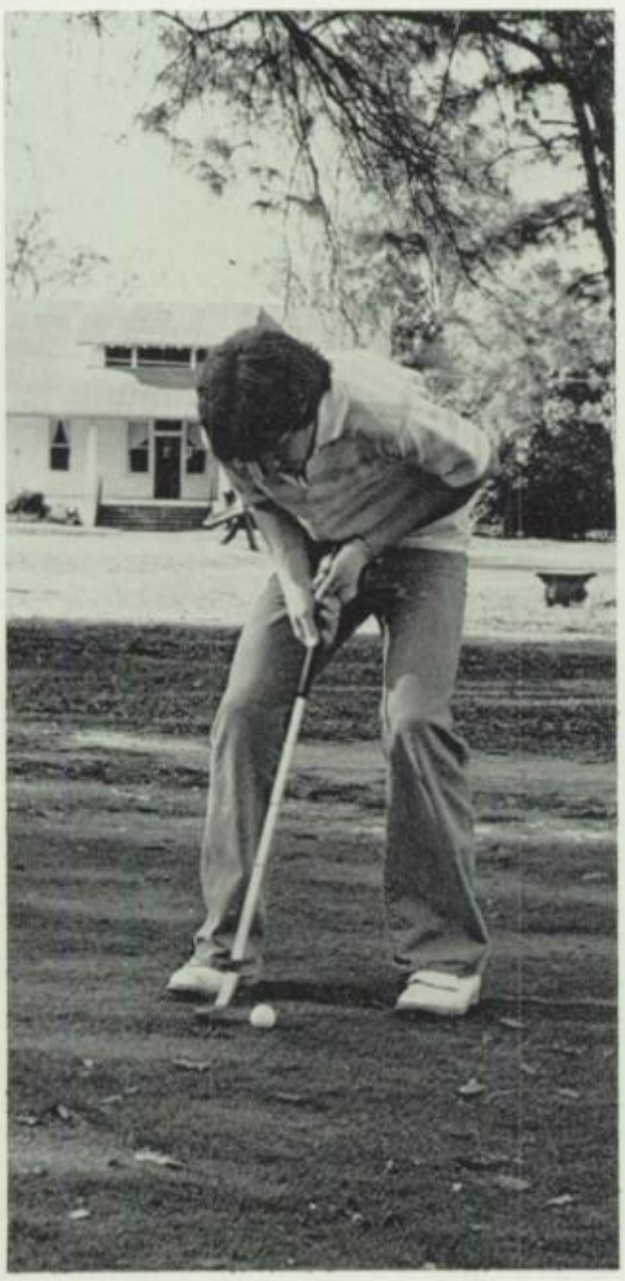
Golfers Score

The River Oaks' Golf Team capped the most successful season ever by placing second in the state tournament.

Placing on the difficult Pine Hills Golf club at Calhoun, in addition to 2nd place finishes at Briarfield and the North Regionals, should certainly give the four returning team members much to build on next season.

Although finishing second to Sam Barthe teamwise, two River Oaks' players placed in the top six scorers individually. These two, Herbert Hobgood and Ron Shemwell, represented River Oaks and Louisiana in the Southeastern Spring Sports Meet in Jackson, Mississippi.

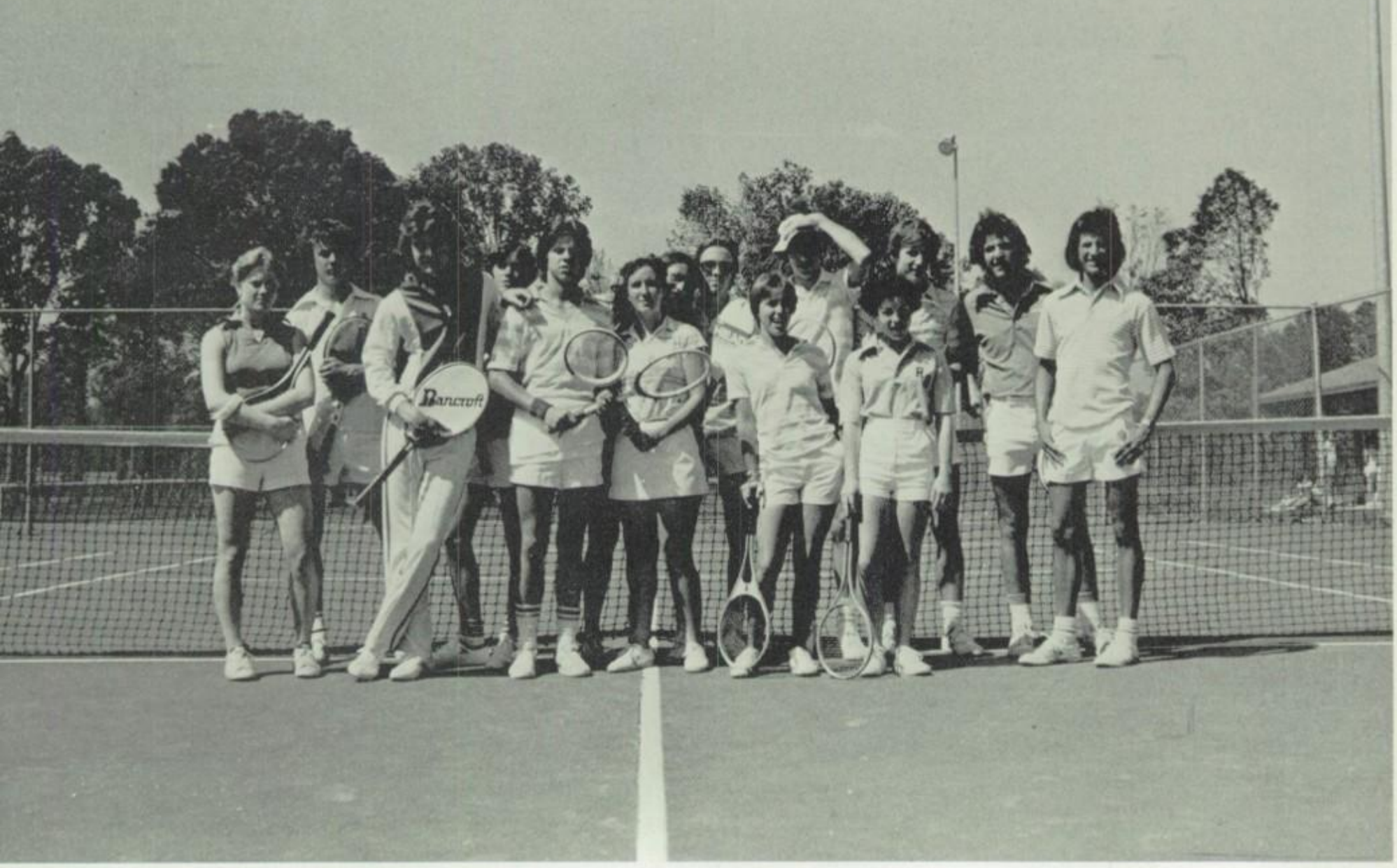
Opposite page, right: Herbert Hobgood perfects his swing. Left: David Smith concentrates on a putt. This page: Lee Webster and Jeff McBride get in a few practice shots. Bottom left: McBride plays par for the course. Bottom right: Norman Bagwell follows through with his shot.



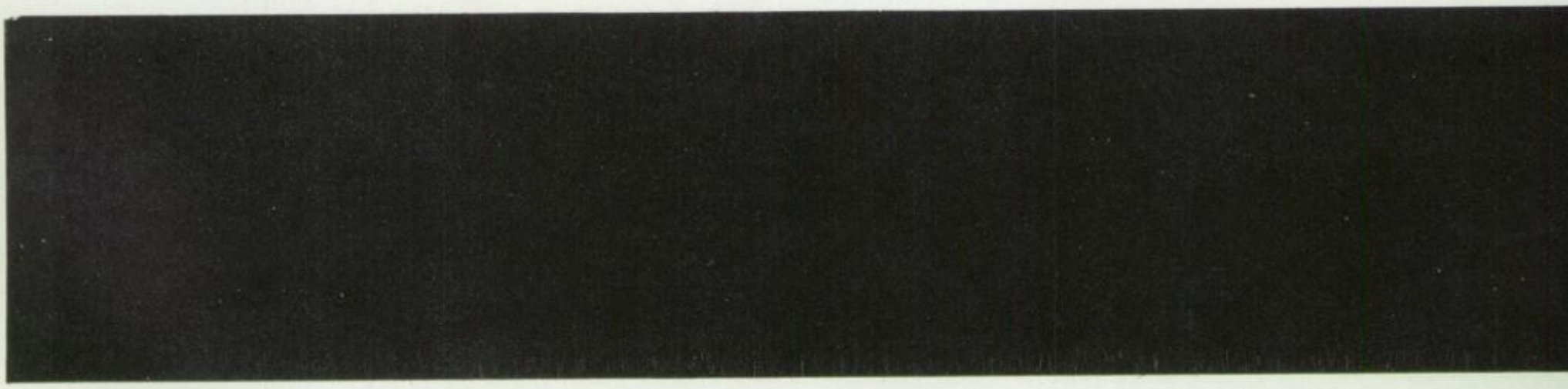
Tennis Team Does It Again

Keeping its tradition of winning 1st in district, the River Oaks' tennis team had an overall season record of 8-2, losing only two matches to First Baptist of Shreveport. In regional play, Richard Pipes placed 2nd in boys' singles; Leighanne Geisler and Elizabeth Sartor won the girls' doubles. Edward Brennen and Edel Blanks won the boys' doubles. Richard and both doubles' teams advanced to the state tournament where Elizabeth and Leighanne made it to the finals to take 2nd place; their only nemesis was Briarfield. Edward and Edel advanced to the finals and to cop first place in state over Ricky Lopez and Joe Garr of Belmont. As a highlight of their play, River Oaks tied for the overall State Championship with First Baptist and remained a "big name" in LISA.

This page, top right: Morris Inabnet handles a difficult shot. Bottom left: What form Lan Craft has. Bottom right: Richard "Borg" Pipes displays his abilities. Opposite page, left: Wendy Worthen kicks up her heels for a backhand. Right: Elizabeth Cookston relaxes after a grueling match.



Clare Durrett, Randy Pipes, Richard Pipes, Tommy Curry, Morris Inabnet, Wendy Worthen, Jackie Petrus, Eric Worthen, Elizabeth Sartor, Edel Blanks, Betsy Ellis, Brooks Hamaker, Lan Craft, Edward Brennen.



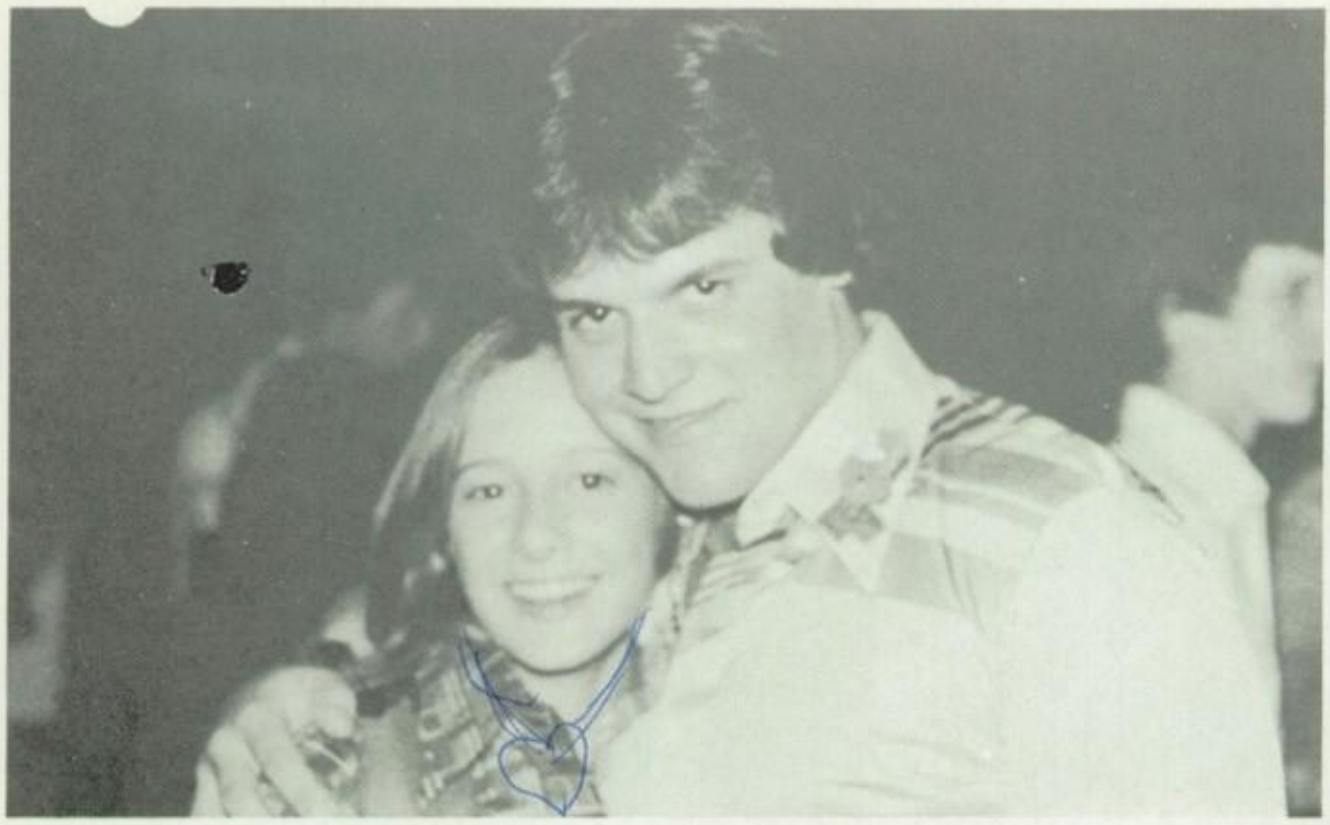
ACTIVITIES

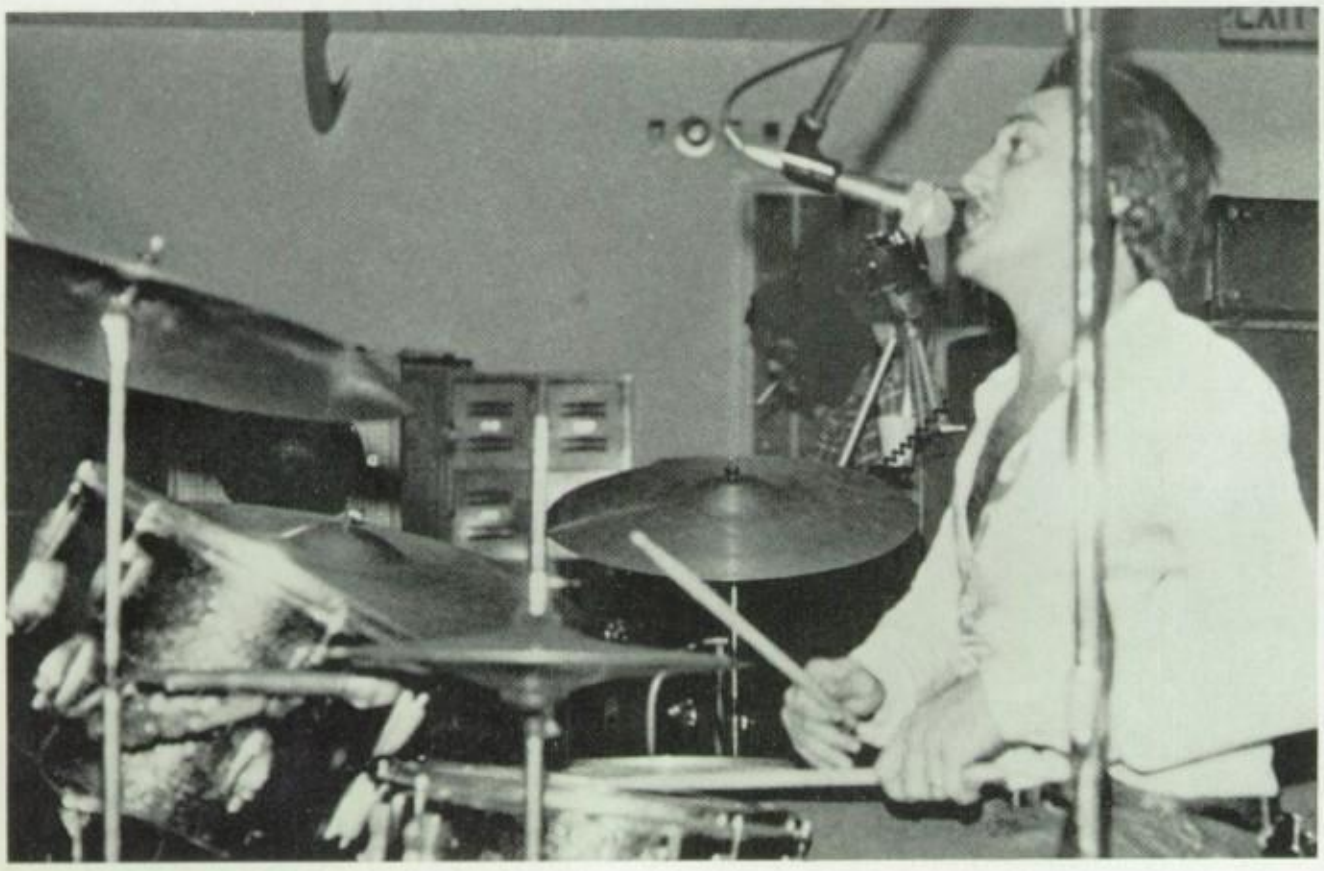
Harvest Moon Is Theme for '76 Homecoming

Football fans were wrapped in heavy coats and blankets as they watched the presentation of the 1976 Homecoming Court. Riding into the stadium in 1977 Mark IV's, the court members were presented by their fathers at halftime. Reigning as Queen was Susan Hudson. Brenda George was senior maid; Dawn Rivers, junior maid; Lea Thompson, sophomore maid; and Mary Walker, freshman maid. Mr. Walter Pierron, Monroe Educational Foundation Chairman of the Board, crowned the queen, and Mike Neal gave her roses. After the presentation, the court was escorted to a platform decorated with pumpkins and mums in the Harvest Moon motif.

Top left: Mary Walker is escorted by her father, Don Walker. Top right: Lea Thompson walks with G. Levins Thompson, her father. Bottom left: Queen Susan Hudson with her crown and roses looks at the crowd as her father stands beside her. Bottom center: Escorted by Alex George is Senior Maid Brenda George. Bottom right: Dawn Rivers is presented with her father, Jack Rivers.

Top: Still smiling after the halftime activities, the court pose on their platform. Bottom left: Homecoming assembly featured the court and a contemporary setting. Bottom right: Walter Pierron crowns Susan Hudson.





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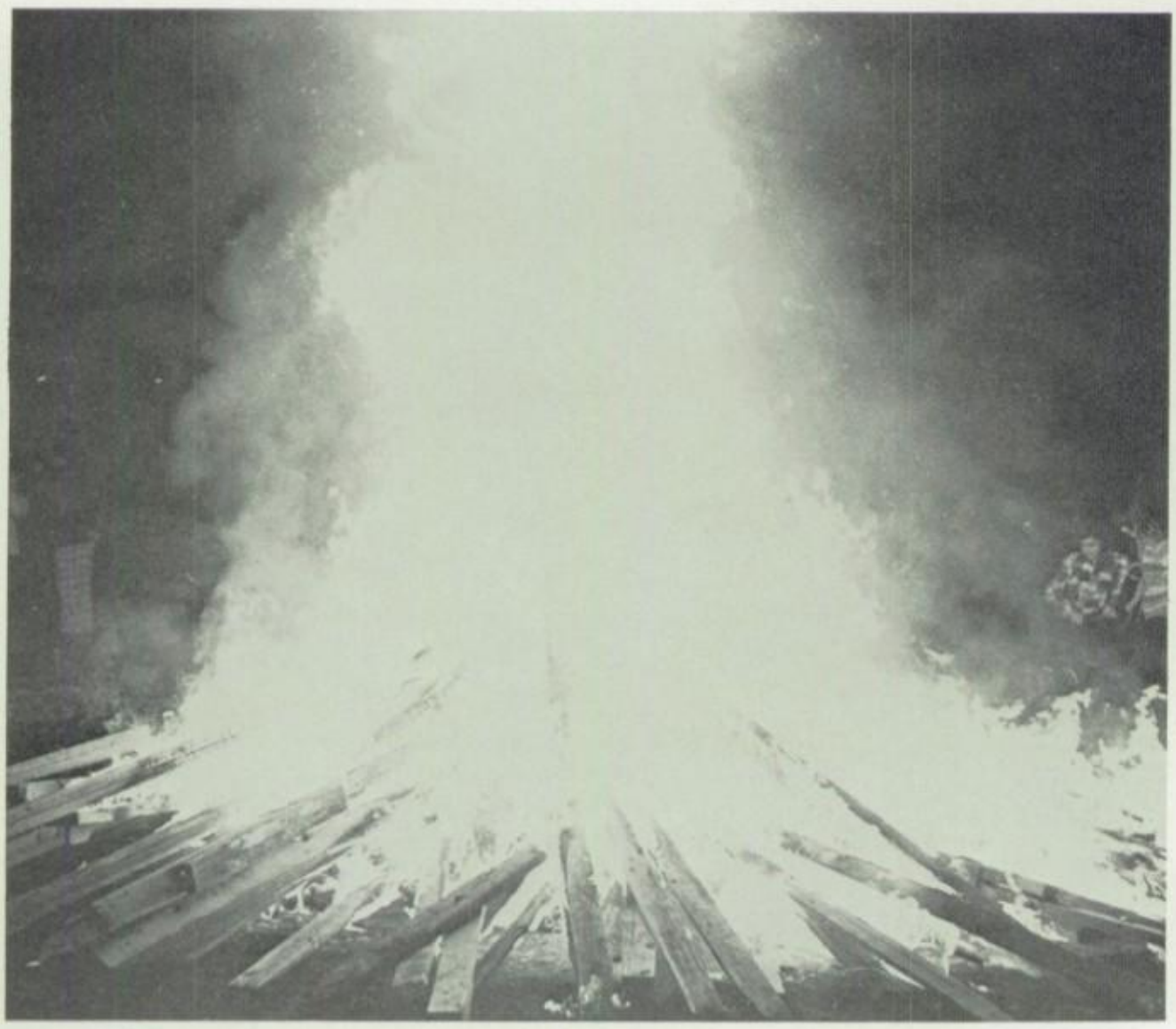
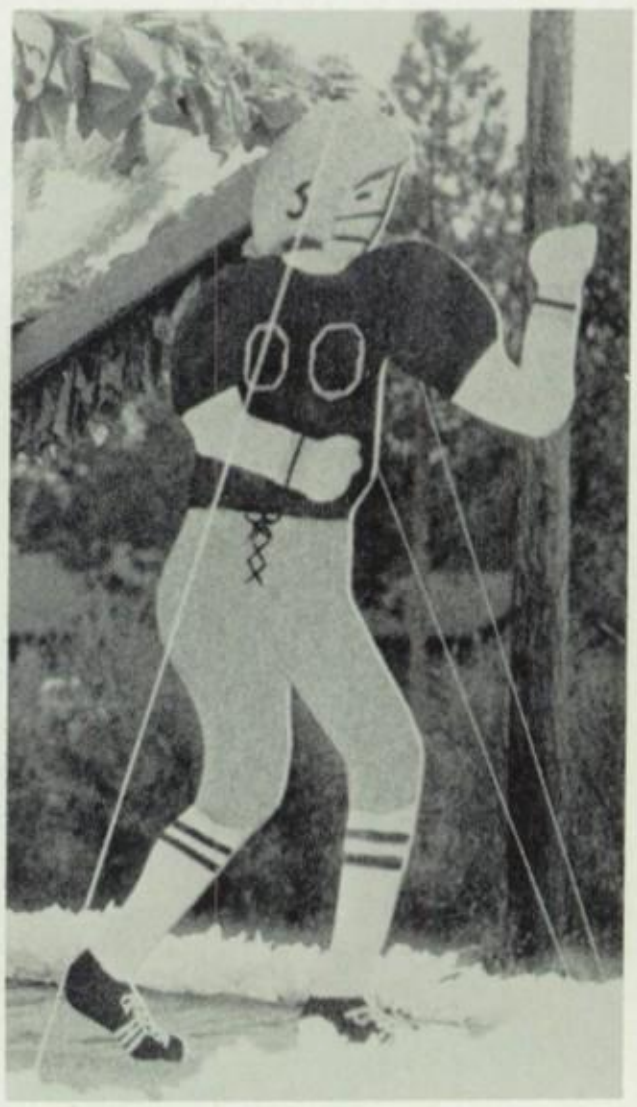


Jr. Float Wins Float Competition

Homecoming week was filled with activities for both parents and students alike. Float building was often not a chore, but a party at various students' houses. The annual bonfire was held on Thursday, October 21, with a hot dog supper on a chilly night. In float competition, the juniors took first place with a float that actually had running water. Seniors won second place, and the 8th grade won third. To culminate the week, the Parents' Club sponsored the homecoming dance, which featured music by Shotgun.



Top far left: Edwin Craft and Dawn Rivers dance to Shotgun. Top center: "Make the Right Move" was the freshmen float's theme. Far left: Shotgun's drummer keeps them in time. Left center: Students work on run-through signs. Bottom left: Class of '77 finally places with "Dial a Winner." Left: First place went to "Keep the Spartans in Grease," the junior float. Bottom: The bonfire warmed the chilly night and raised spirit. Below: The sophomore float was "Swat Spartans."

Carnival Air Felt at R. O. Corral Day

The smell of popcorn fills the cafetorium. Balloons sway in the air from the vents. Students and teachers alike are clad in overalls and jeans to celebrate an annual River Oaks' event—Corral Day.

Some of the more memorable events of the day were the races, game rooms, haunted house, and spaghetti supper. A new addition was the elementary kite-flying contest. Traditionally, Corral Day offers an opportunity to break monotony and celebrate spring.

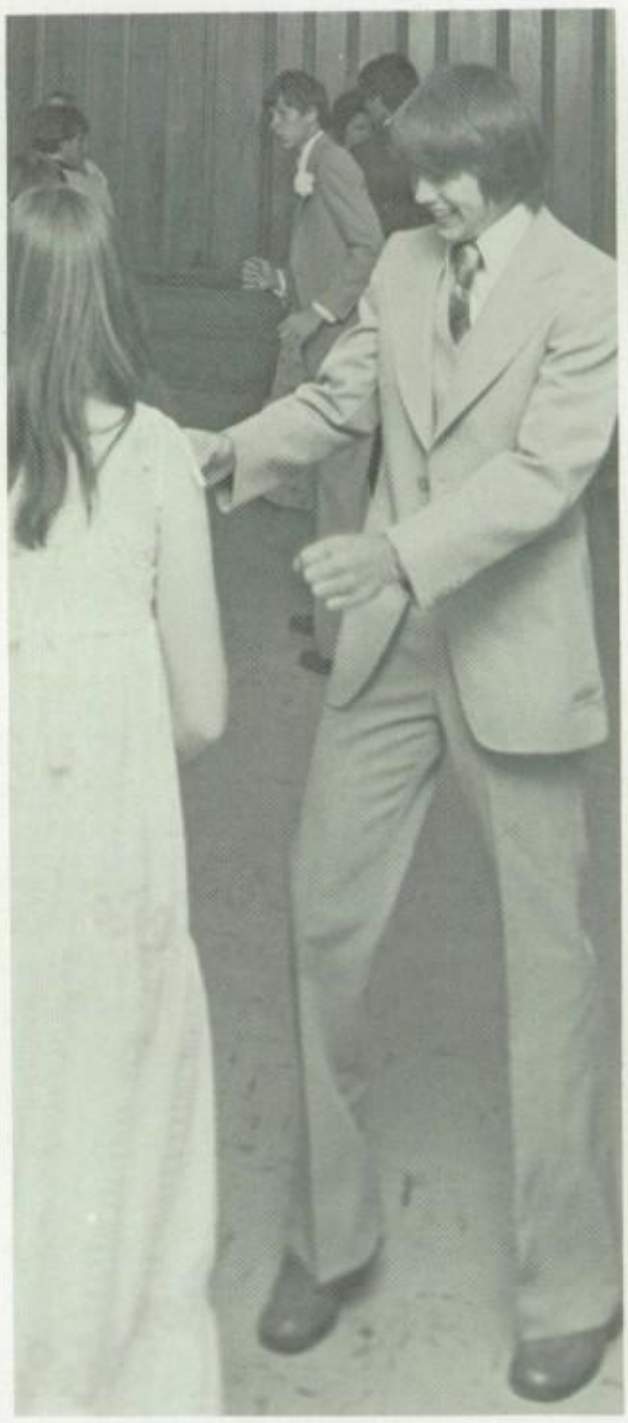
Opposite top: Both Jr. and Sr. High students return to childhood on Corral Day. Bottom right: Elementary students rest after 3-legged race. Bottom left: Articles beyond the imagination are sold in the Country Store. This page top: Winners in the kite contest are Lee Stephens, Stewart McMickle, Robin Irwin. Bottom: Various elementary students wait for events to begin.

Partying Adds Life To . . .

"Everybody, get on the floor, let's dance. . ." K. C. and the Sunshine Band musically invited people everywhere to dance. As surely as Coke adds life to pizza, R. O. students accepted the invitation several times through the year at school-sponsored events. Beginning the activities was the annual homecoming dance.

Then in February, the Student Council featured the first Mardi Gras Ball and presentation. A royal court was selected by clubs, and from the court a king and queen were chosen by secret ballot. Court members were Dawn Rivers, Donald Reeves, art; Lynda Simpson, Mark Ulrich, band; Melanie Buller, Richard Pipes, French; Lisa Files, Richard Crowe, Interact; Brenda George, Randy Wells, Key; Stephanie Dorroh, Mike Easterling, SILVER SPUR; Scott Anderson, Wendy Worthen, Spanish; Leslie McCants, Lan Craft, Speech. After Court presentation, the king and queen were revealed, and Mike Easterling and Wendy Worthen were crowned.

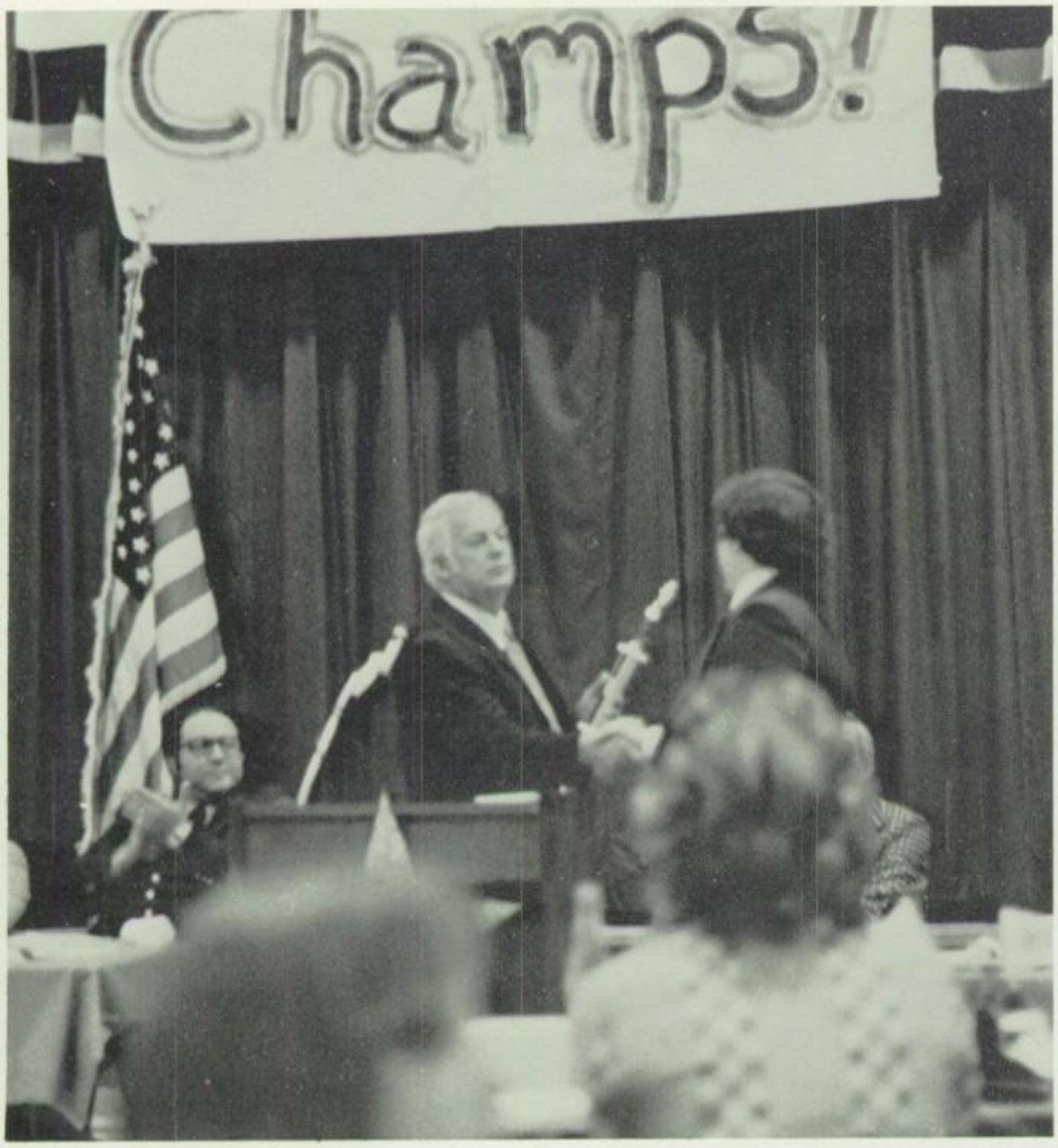
Concluding the year was another first. The Jr.-Sr. prom moved off-campus to the Bayou DeSiard Country Club. All interested partiers dressed in tuxs and formals to boogie to Pieces.



This page, top: Taking a break at the prom are Bradley Adair, Ainslee McDonald, Lynda Simpson, Mark Ulrich, Steffie Dorroh, Rex Dillingham. Bottom left: Bobbie Craighead boogies. Right: King Mike and Queen Wendy reign at Mardi Gras. Opposite, top left: The Krewe of Pegasus made Mardi Gras merry with confetti and beads. Right: Crowning the royalty were Lady Nelwyn Norwood and Dr. Crowe. Bottom: Juniors and seniors bump and hustle on April 16.

77 Remembered As Unusual

In the course of each school year, there are both curricular and extra-curricular activities that make the year memorable. This year will be particulary remembered for its extra-curricular events. Students not only witnessed HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS, but also how Jimmy Carter was inaugurated. There was everything from the delight of snow to its own marching Mustangs win at district band festival. There were Student Council elections, sports banquet, and Norman Conquest parties. Even April Fool's Day was remembered when the Mystery H put his mark on several students' cars.



This page, top left: Coach Boyles gives Mike Easterling the best offensive back trophy at the sports banquet. Right: Playing "Who" 's are Suzette Boozer, William Tosten, Susan Hudson, Tom Tosten. Bottom left: Herbert Hobgood watches "his Man" Jimmy Carter. Right: Walt Liggon is overjoyed by snow. Opposite, top: Donald Reeves's car is a victim of the big Mystery H. Right: "Hammond or Bust," says R. O. band as they leave for state festival. Bottom left: Andy Davidson runs for Student Council president and wins.

LISA Rally Participants: 1st row: Chuck Thackston, Ansel Smith, Dawn Rivers, Ann Files, Beverly Sloan, Cindy Fomby, Missy Webb, Julie Ellington, Penny Masur, Louise Seymour, Mickey Masur. 2nd row: Kathleen Redman, Monisa Thompson, Lynda Simpson, Sharon Cruse, Larry Walker, Donese Worden, Steffie Dorroh. 3rd row: Walt Ligon, Jon Somsen, Blanche Mattison, Mark Ulrich, Morris Inabnet, Herbert Hobgood, Bill Loftin, Gerald Gates. 4th row: Kay Loflin, Edel Blanks, Susan Anderson, Kerry Kilpatrick, Danelle Dupree, Bobbie Wyatt, Steven Brown.

Diligence Is Noted On Award's Day

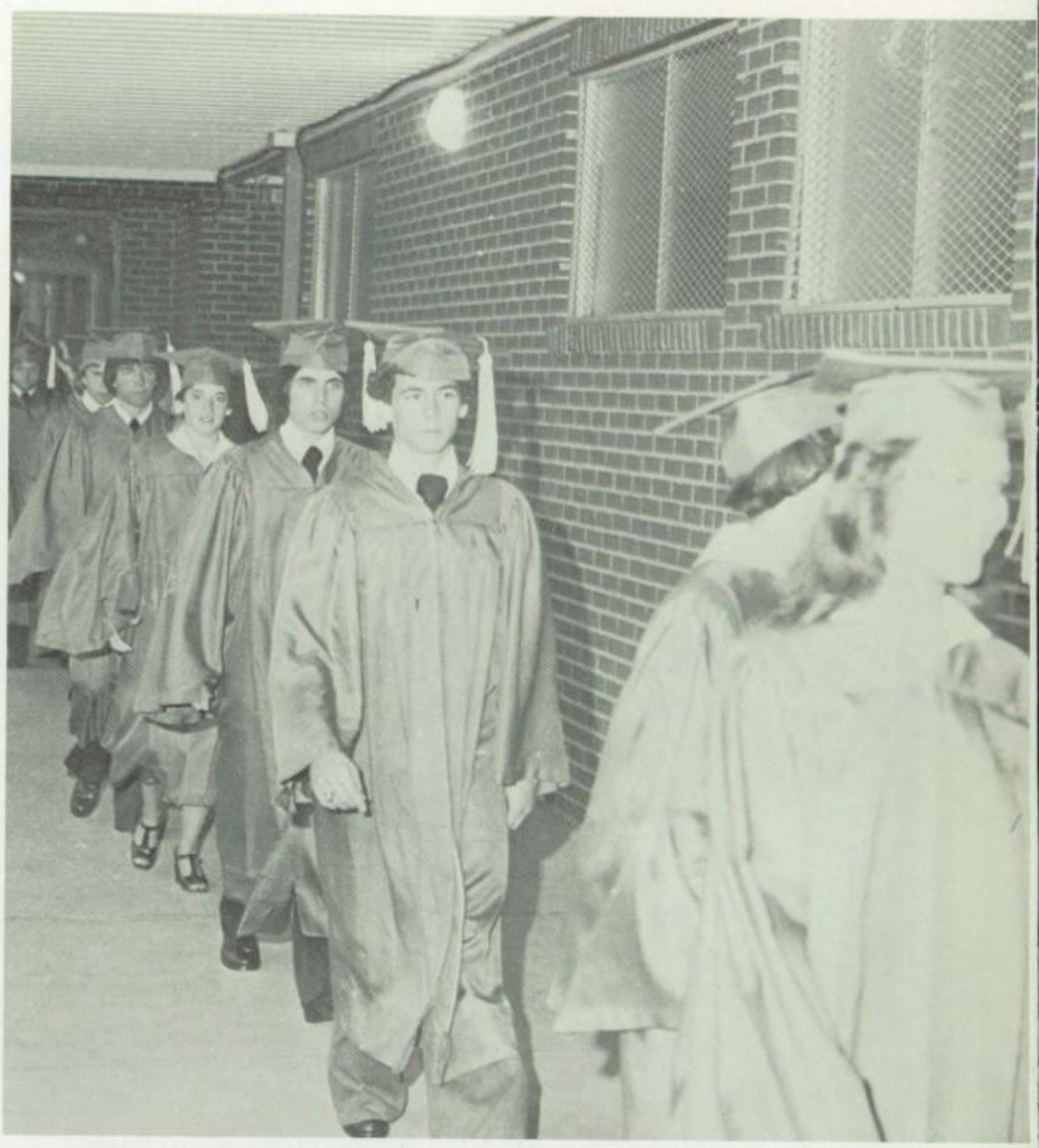
To recognize students for academic excellence, to install the incoming Student Council officers, and to present the eager juniors with their senior rings, the sixth annual River Oaks Honor's Day was held May 9. Honor Students, graduating seniors with a "B" average or above for seven semesters, and those who received college scholarships were recognized. The speech and literary rally participants were awarded certificates for their work, and the LISA overall champion plaque was presented to the school.

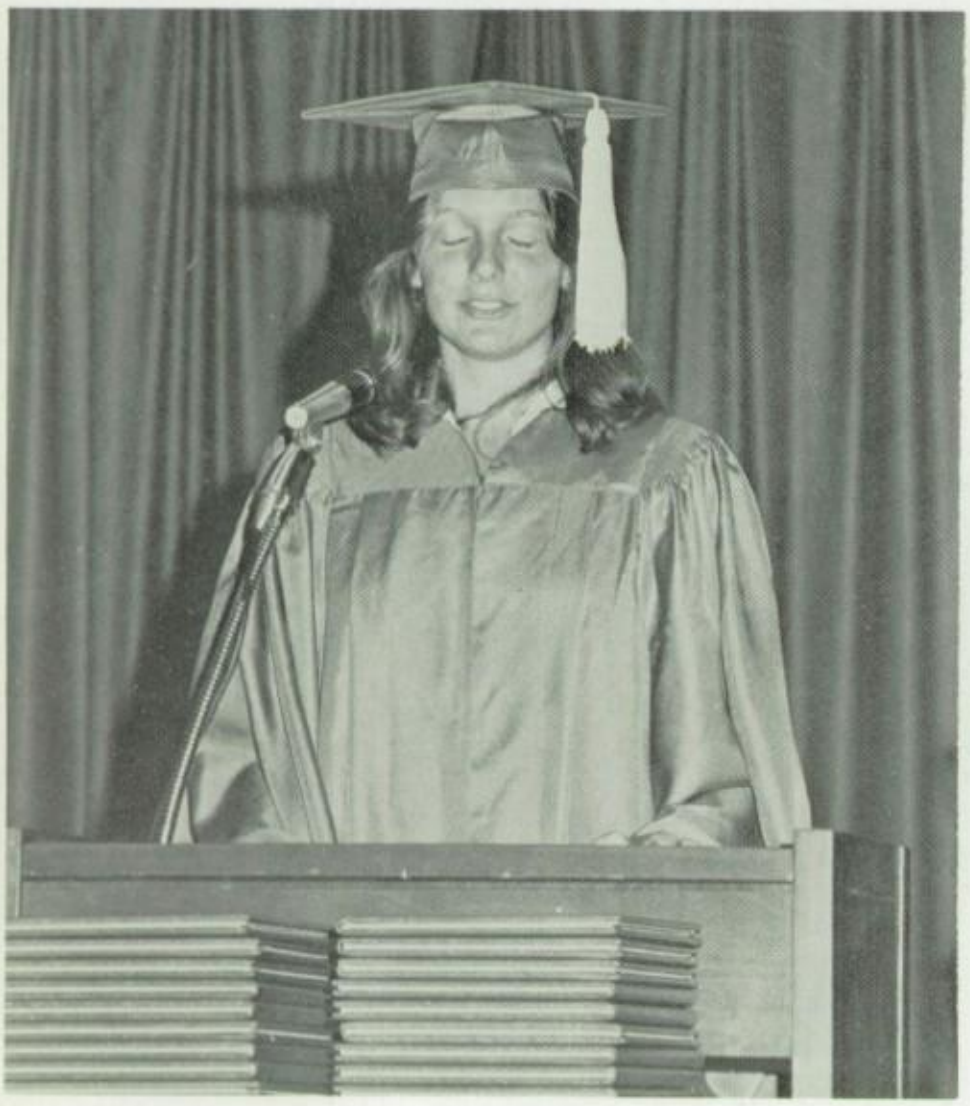
Individual awards were also presented to outstanding students. The 1976 Girls' State Representatives, Susan Anderson and Kathleen Redman, and Mike Easterling, who was the Boys' State Representative, were honored by Mrs. Cale. The DAR Good Citizen Award and the DAR American History Award were given to Mark Ulrich and Bill Mahaffey, respectively. Mrs. J. H. Carroll presented Susan Anderson with the Pilot Club Service Award, and the South Central Bell Science Award, presented by Mr. Max Lightsey, was awarded to Larry Walker.

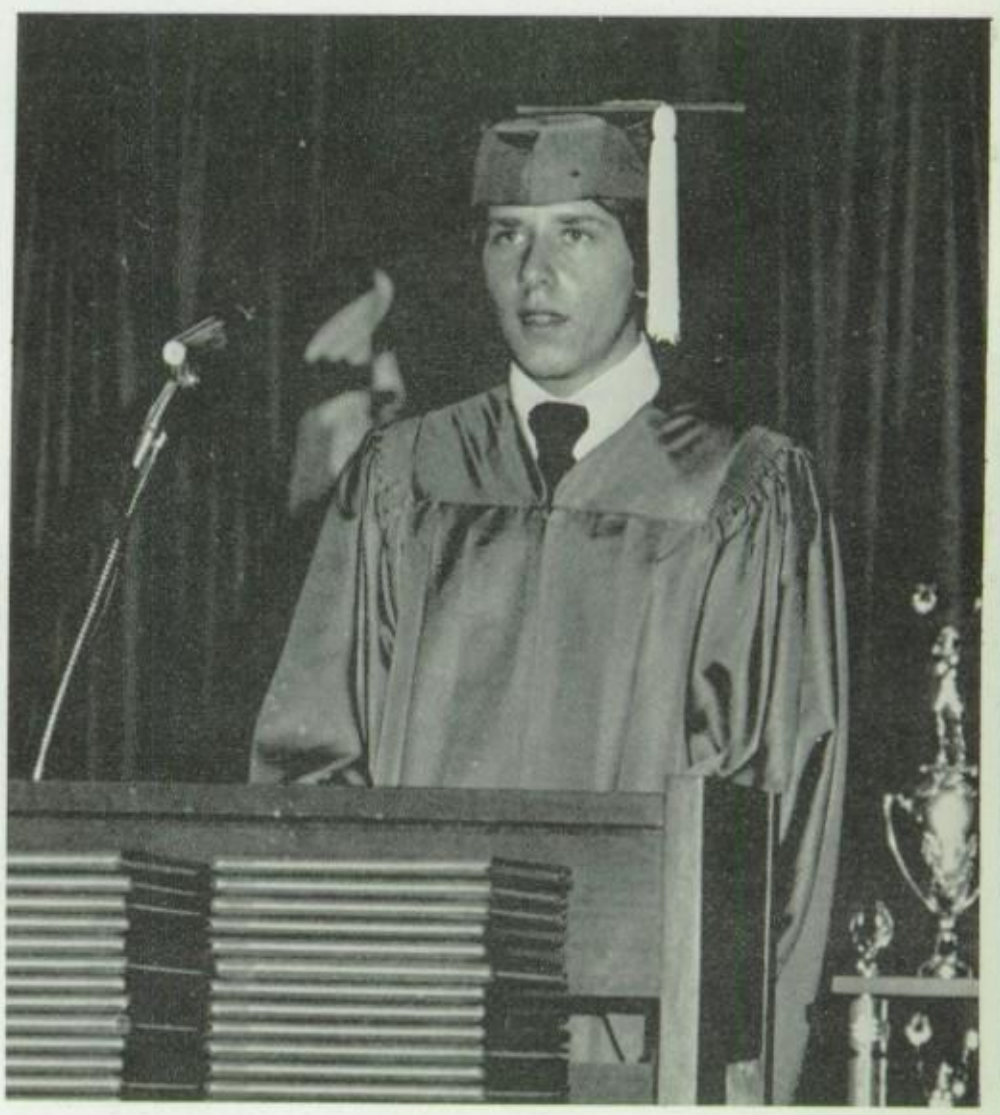
Activity awards included the following: PONY EXPRESS Service Award, Lisa Kelso; SILVER SPUR Service Award, Steffie Dorroh; 1977-78 SILVER SPUR Editor, Monisa Thompson; Outstanding Art Student, Dawn Rivers; and the John P. Sousa Award, Scott Brandle.

Mrs. Ackel then recognized junior high students for notable achievements. Dr. Crowe presented the juniors class rings.

Opposite page middle left: Speech rally participants are William Tosten, Steffie Dorroh, Brenda George, Donese Worden, Brooks Hamacker, Morris Inabnet, Susan Anderson, Ceci Grant. Right: State rally students are 1st row: Janet Fleming, Ansel Smith, Kathleen Redman, Ann Files, Monisa Thompson, Danelle Dupree, Andy Davidson. 2nd row: Chuck Thackston, Gerald Gates, Walt Ligon, Larry Walker, Jon Somsen, Kerry Kilpatrick. Bottom: Honor students are 1st row: Karen Smith, Cara Gates, Noami McCrocklin, Ann Files, Penny Masur. 2nd row: Chuck Thackston, Gerald Gates, Tommy Curry, Mickey Masur, Monisa Thompson. This page top: Tech Rally Participants. Bottom: Junior high students honored were Susie Arnold, Beth Stewart, Stephens Winters, Allison Choate, Margaret Marshall, Marcia Wolfe, Norman Bagwell, Naomi McCrocklin, and Tish Bailey.



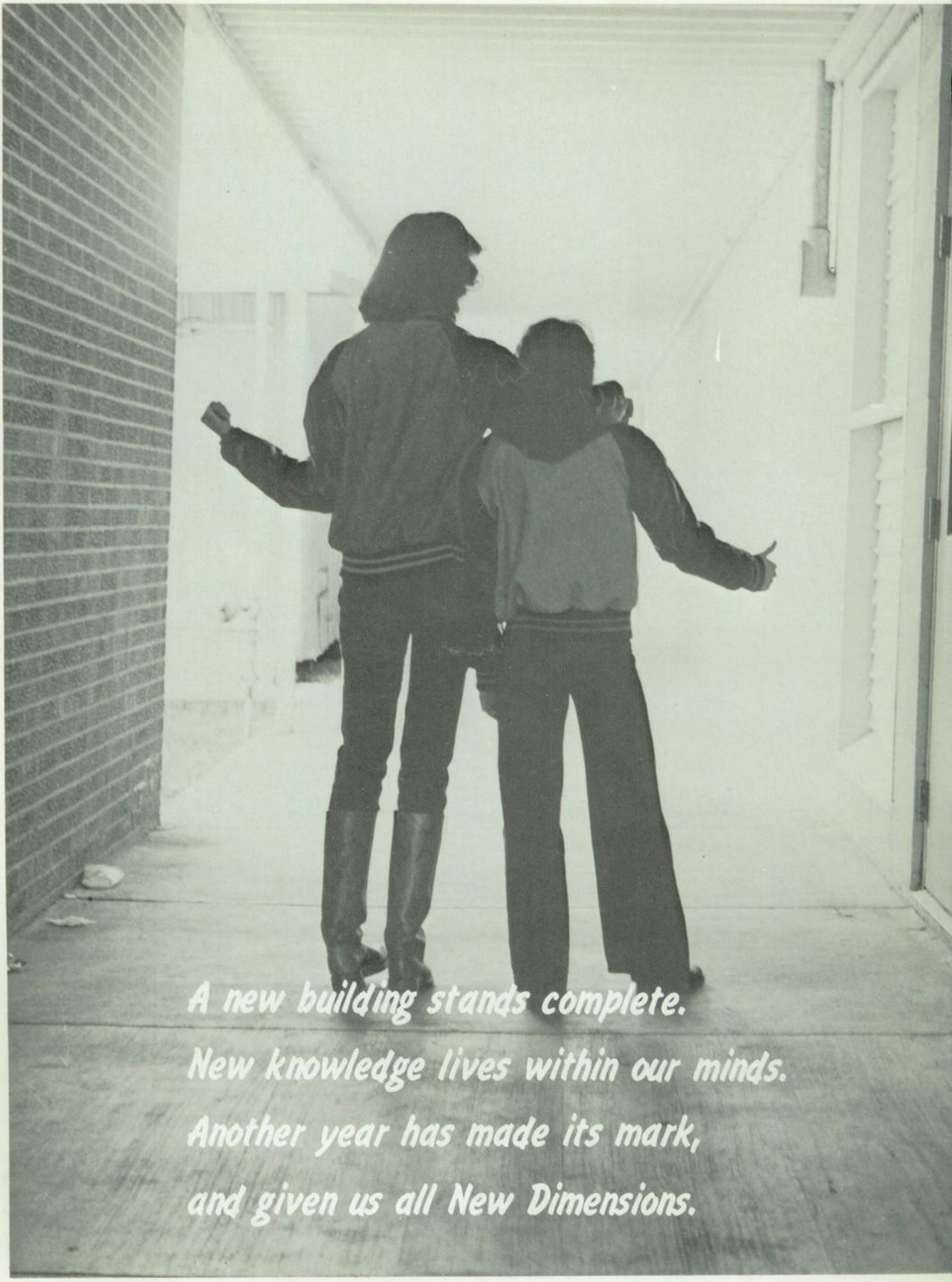




May 16, 1977 . . .

"You may move your tassels." With that statement, Dr. Max Crowe ended his closing remarks, and 39 seniors became graduates of the River Oaks School. In the same gym were they had witnessed breath-taking, last second basketball victories and heard ringing echoes at football rallies, the class of 1977 left behind what was and began to prepare for what will be. Earlier in the evening, Dr. Virgil Orr challenged the class to the three B's—be sincere, be yourself, be somebody. The class of '77 had previously distinguished itself unique with a co-valedictory given by Susan Anderson and Jon Somsen; however, immediately following the address, several class members proved their ability to "be somebody" at the presentation of awards. Winning the American Legion Award were Mike Easterling and Susan Anderson. Larry Walker won the Scottish Rites Masonry and Walter J. Peirron Science Awards. Jon Somsen was presented the Sr. History Award, and Susan Anderson won the first E. N. Jackson Memorial Math Trophy. To several seniors, leaving their high school days was a sad experience. Graduation closed a chapter in their lives that will never be re-opened, but as Susan Anderson aptly said, "It's a start on a new kind of life."

Opposite page, top left: Emotion overcomes Steffie. Right: Seniors line-up for ceremony. Bottom left: Co-valedictorian Susan Anderson. Right: Co-valedictorian Jon Somsen. This page, top: Scholarship winners are recognized by Mrs. Cale.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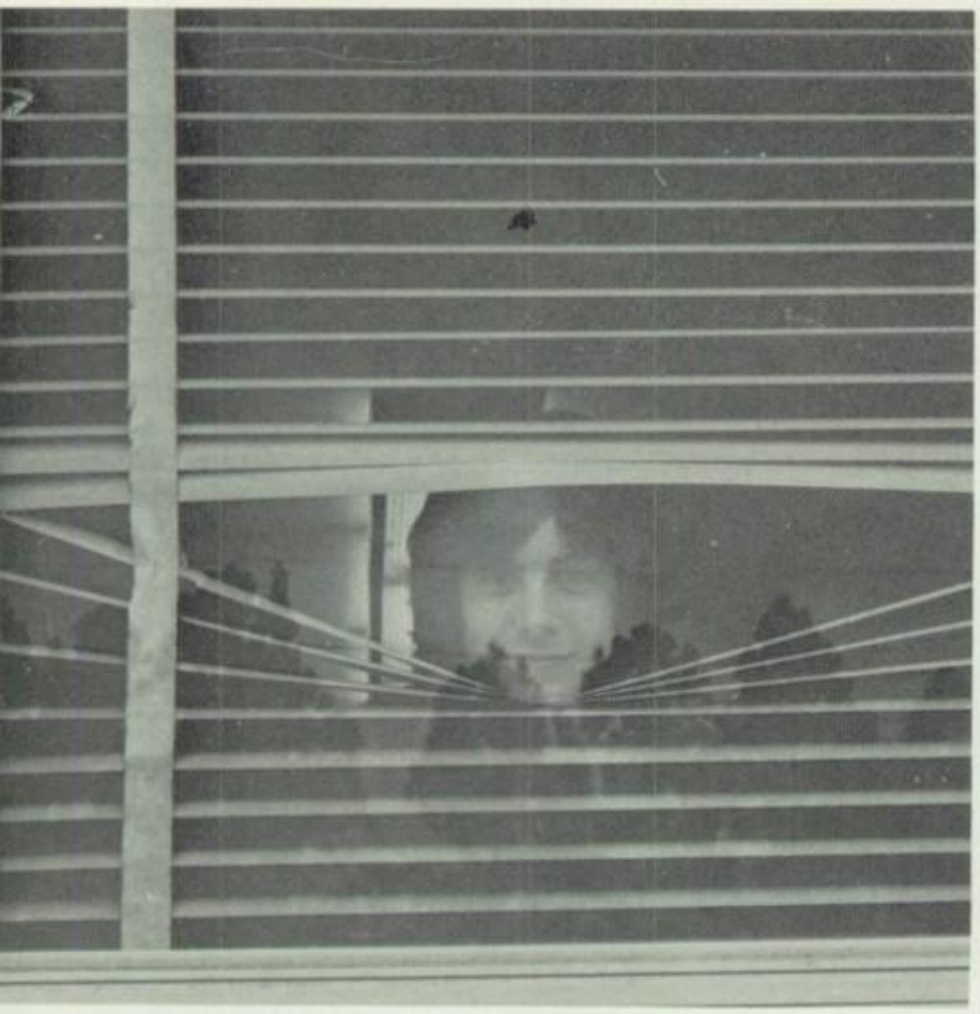
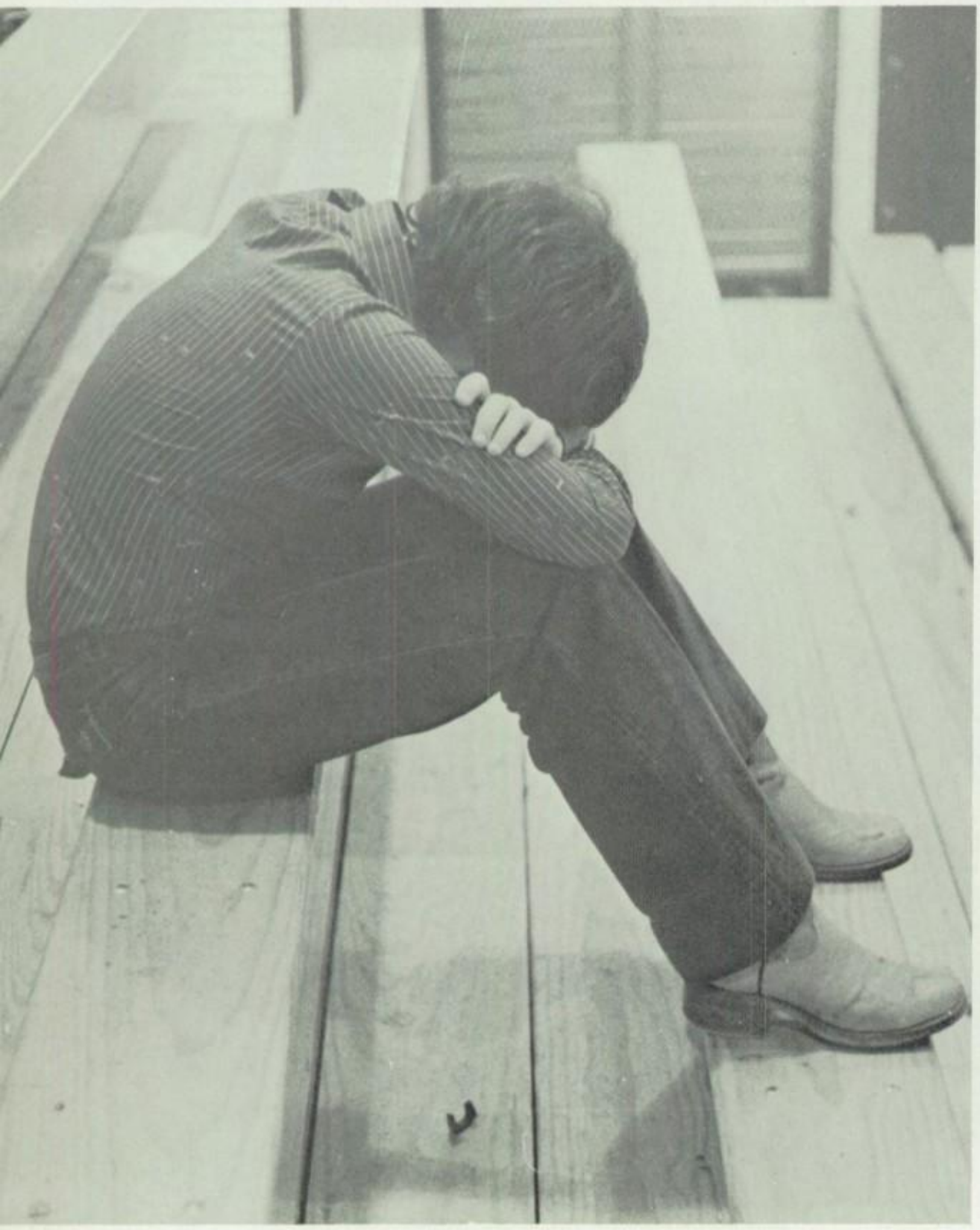
New knowledge lives within our minds.
Another year has made its mark,
and given us all New Dimensions.





"The Moving Finger writes and having writ, moves on."

-Omar Khayyam

Written on these pages is the story of 1976-77. It's victorious shouts still echo in Mustang Stadium, and it's laughter still lingers in the hall. Ghosts of people and events that made the year haunt River Oaks as memories, but here they come to life once again. To all who made it happen thanks. With "Special Thanks" to R. O. Junior and Senior classes, school organizations, and Booster Club for buying extra pages.

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